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ITALIAN AIRMEN TAKE PART IN LONDON RAID SAYS GERMAN REPORT

LONDON, Oct. 25. (REUTER).—A GERMAN COMMUNIQUE REVEALS THAT ITALIAN BOMBERS PARTICIPATED IN ATTACKS ON BRITAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THURSDAY NIGHT.

Twelve enemy aircraft have been destroyed to-day, states the Air Ministry.

Eight British fighters were lost but the pilots of four are safe.

The reasons for Italian raids on Britain would appear to be:

- 1, that Germany needs the help of skilled Italian pilots and crews to maintain the scale of night attacks as the weather worsens;
- 2, Germany is re-organising her heavy bomber squadrons for action in other theatres and wants Italian assistance to cover the withdrawal;
- 3, Italy has persuaded Germany to let her have a hand in bombing Britain in retaliation for R.A.F. raids on North Italy.

Formations Raid London

LONDON, Oct. 25 (Reuter).—The German air force stepped up its day offensive against London and south-east England to-day, when for the first time this week formations of fighters and fighter-bombers raided the capital and coastal areas in place of the single raiders common earlier in the week.

The formations were between 20 and 30 strong though at one time two of the larger formations were grouped together.

British interceptor planes, which are now no longer taking the air out-numbered, engaged the enemy over London, Kentish inland towns, over the coast and the Channel, and anti-aircraft gunners were busy, particularly at the Thames Estuary.

Enemy Fly High

Crossing the coast at fantastic heights of 30,000 feet and above, some of the raiders succeeded in penetrating to the London area, starting with a dive-bombing attack in an outer district at dawn and dropping bombs mostly at random on roads and on private and commercial property.

The proportion of raiders who carried bombs was not, it is believed, high.

The extent of damage and the number of casualties is not yet known, but one high explosive bomb caught a house in the rush hour.

Increased enemy activity followed London's quietest night since the start of mass night raids on September 7.

A German news agency report on to-day's attacks describes them as "severe" and says that German speed bombers discharged heavy calibre bombs on important military targets in London.

Chased Across Channel

LONDON, Oct. 25 (Reuter).—Spitfires chasing German raiders on Britain back across the Channel recently, shot some down within range of their own A.A. guns on the French coast.

One Scottish squadron in one of these actions shot down one of 15 Messerschmitts which they first sighted 30,000 feet over Ramsgate actually on the Dunkirk beaches and two others in the sea.

Another squadron brought down two of 50 Messerschmitts they had chased from London near the French coast, while a Sergeant pilot of a third squadron sent yet another

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LOSE HOMES, BUT SMILE

Hitler's air pirates may be able to smash up some of Britain's homes, but he can't break down the Englishman's spirit, which is exemplified in this picture showing a family standing among the ruins of their home, but still capable of smiling, and determined to resist the Nazis to the end.



British Pilots Systematically Smashing Up Berlin's Centres

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Oct. 25 (UP).—It is now officially revealed by the Air Ministry that the twenty-third British air raid on Berlin which was staged on Thursday night and early Friday morning lasted for three hours.

One attack was made from shortly after midnight until 2.45 a.m. and two separate assaults were carried out on the Pultitz-Strasse-Lehrter railway goods yards, where large fires were started. The raids were carried out despite hampering clouds.

Czech Army To Fight For Britain

LONDON, Oct. 25 (Reuter).—The fullest Czechoslovak military co-operation with Britain is sealed by an agreement signed to-day at the Foreign Office.

Britain will give the Provisional Czechoslovak Government credit to finance its military effort.

Subject only to the jurisdiction of the Allied High Command, the Czechs will be organised into their own units with distinctive badges and under their own officers.

Czech air units will be attached to the Royal Air Force but without losing their national character, and Czech land forces will be organised from the troops now in Britain and the Middle East supplemented from volunteers from abroad.

The Efficiency Medal of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps has been awarded to Corporal R. A. Campos, Corporal J. M. Xavier and Private C. L. Gregory.

Scope of R.A.F. Raids Told

LONDON, Oct. 25 (Reuter).—The bombing of central Berlin targets at a "considerably" lower altitude than in most of the Royal Air Force's 22 earlier raids, was carried out last Thursday night, says the Air Ministry.

An overcast sky, with clouds extending in a deep bank from 12,000 to 4,000 feet, met the early British arrivals.

Over the city shortly after midnight, these aircraft located and attacked the Pultitzstrasse and the Lehrter railway yards, where salvos of high explosive bombs added to the extensive damage inflicted on these yards in previous night raids.

One raider was hit in several places by shrapnel while pressing home his attack from a low level. Other raiders which also sought out objectives in the heart of the city started a huge fire in one target area which served as a beacon for others which came later.

The last wave of attack began at 12.30 a.m. For the next 75 minutes, British bombers crossed and recrossed the city centre as they made individual bombing runs under constant and heavy fire from the ground batteries.

Later arrivals found gaps in the cloud layer, which made it possible to attack from a higher level where gunfire from the ground defences was less intense, but poor visibility in

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France Agrees To Collaborate With Nazis: Italy Interested

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Oct. 25 (UP).—It is learned that M. Laval is conferring with Count Ciano to-day.

It is unofficially reported that the French Government, after Marshal Petain's return, decided to accept collaboration with Germany in the new order in Europe at Hitler's invitation.

M. Laval is now attempting to negotiate similar reconciliation and collaboration with Italy.

Hitler's Probable Aim

It is indicated that Marshal Petain and M. Laval will report to the Cabinet to-morrow regarding their conversations with Hitler.

Although it is not indicated whether or not any agreement with Germany was reached, it is believed that Hitler made proposals as a prelude to a grand diplomatic stroke, and will possibly demand that Britain make peace with a united continental bloc.

Marshal Petain spent the night at Tours and visited the war prisoners camps to-day, then made a halt at Chateau Roux, after which he left for Vichy. Since yesterday's meeting with Hitler there have been no further conversations and no signatures on anything.

Today, Marshal Petain made a tour of inspection of the occupied zone in the Loire Valley.

Expected At Vichy

LONDON, Oct. 25 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain and M. Laval, the Vice Premier of France, are expected in Vichy this evening.

Franco Returns

Madrid, Oct. 25 (Reuter).—General Franco left San Sebastian for Madrid on the afternoon of Friday, following his meeting with Hitler.

Carol Pleads

Wants Roosevelt To Help

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (Reuter).—Ex-King Carol who is detained in a hotel in Seville, has appealed to the United States to intercede with the Spanish authorities on behalf of himself and members of his party.

The appeal was transmitted by the American Legation in Lisbon with a request to forward it to Mr. Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt informed a press conference to-day that he intended to serve the whole four years if re-elected President.

RUSSIAN HAND AT DANUBE

MOSCOW, Oct. 25 (Reuter).—The Soviet delegation to the Danubian Conference to be held in Bucharest on Monday, left Moscow by air for Sofia en route to Rumania to-day.

It is headed by M. Sobolev, Secretary-General of the Foreign Office.

It is recalled that an indication was given by Moscow recently that the U.S.S.R. expected to be consulted. The Moscow reminder followed the announcement by Germany that a new "Axis Commission" would be established to replace the International Danube Commission for regulating Danube river traffic problems set up after the Versailles Treaty.

Traffic Between Thai & Indo-China Stopped

Special to the "Telegraph"

BANGKOK, Oct. 25 (UP).—It is reported that the Government has ordered all travel between Indo China and Thailand to be stopped owing to the increasing tension between the two countries.

It is officially stated that a third detachment of Thai police have been dispatched to the frontier provinces "in view of ensuring safety in case of any eventuality."

The vernacular newspapers continue to feature rumours of unrest and open revolt in Indo China.

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Nazi Torpedo Boat Sunk

British Navy Successes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Oct. 25 (UP).—The Admiralty announced to-day that the British submarine Swordfish torpedoed and sunk a German torpedo boat off the French coast.

The Admiralty also issued a communique saying the British submarine Regent destroyed an Italian supply ship of 6,000 tons in the Mediterranean.

Also, that the British destroyed Venetia struck a mine and was sunk with some casualties.

NEW DELHI CONFERENCE

NEW DELHI, Oct. 25 (Reuter).—The Conference of eastern units of the Empire to co-ordinate their war economy, has met up a central committee under Sir Mohamed Zafarullah Khan, leader of the Indian delegation, to consider matters of policy and procedure.

The committee proceeded to appoint two other committees to deal with heavy and light industries respectively.

Australia Is Offered United States Planes

Special to the "Telegraph"

SYDNEY, Oct. 25 (UP).—It is learned that Australia has been offered a number of United States planes which were originally sold to Thailand. It is also revealed that the Dutch East Indies are also interested in their purchase.

Washington View

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (UP).—When queried regarding the press report from Sydney that Australia had been offered a number of United States planes which were originally sold to Thailand, officials replied with an intimation that the Philippine Government is interested in acquiring such planes in order to build up their air force.

There are indications that some high officials here have looked favourably upon the Philippine proposal which, it is understood, has the endorsement of General Douglas MacArthur. Defence officials are evidently maintaining close contact with General MacArthur and the Philippine situation generally.

It could not be ascertained here what Company manufactured the planes, or the number of the planes which were offered to Australia, nor their present whereabouts.

Duce Forms Air Corps For Raids On Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Oct. 25 (UP).—Mussolini has personally decided on the creation of an "Italian Air Corps" to participate in the bombardment of London, the "Giornale d'Italia" revealed to-day.

The corps will be comprised of bombing and fighting planes and, although the number has not been revealed, the authoritative newspaper says they will consist of "an impressive number of men and material."

They Were Scarred

LONDON, Oct. 25 (Reuter).—A Rome despatch from an air base on the English Channel says that the Italian planes came back bearing marks of combat but the men were joyous at the certainty of a first victory.

To-day's Evacuation Appeals

Impassioned Plea By Mrs. Kennedy-Skipton

"In a democratic State all citizens have an equal right to protection and it is not racial discrimination to send away to safety at great public cost a small, selected group of British European women and children?" asked Mrs. H. Kennedy-Skipton, wife of a senior Government official, at a public session of the Evacuation Advisory Committee this morning, when she brought an application for exemption from evacuation on the ground that she was an American citizen.

Mrs. Kennedy-Skipton said: "Mr. Chairman and members of the Evacuation Advisory Committee I thank you for the opportunity of presenting my case in regard to the evacuation of British women from the Colony. I am aware that these ideas have been stated before but not, I think, to this Committee.

"Ordinance 5 of 1922 was, I believe, passed at the time of the Seamen's Strike to rid the Colony of people whom it was feared might cause disturbance. Regulations 4A and 4B have been broadened to meet almost any case. It is interesting that law-abiding citizens are being evacuated under such regulations.

Equal Rights

"The majority of our Hongkong community is Chinese. Many Portuguese, Indians and Eurasians are domiciled here. In a democratic state all citizens have an equal right to protection. Is it not racial discrimination to send away to safety at great public cost, a small, selected group of British European women and children. If there is no immediate danger is it expedient to force an unwilling minority to leave their homes?"

"Apart from optimistic expectations of what will be refunded the expenses of the evacuation have been

and will continue to be great. It is generally said that 3,000 women and children are to be evacuated. At an average of \$42 per week or \$6 per day for 2,000 individuals the cost amounts to \$12,000 per day. The amount of rice required in the Colony is estimated at 5,000 piculs per day at \$12 per picul. The price would be reduced by \$2.40 per picul to \$9.60. Such a Government subsidy would benefit for the poor of this Colony. \$12,000—or one day's evacuation expenses would also provide about 30 elementary schools at \$300 per month for a year. One could go on ad infinitum enumerating social needs for which this money could be used.

"They Will Find It Hard"

"There are a good many British European men whose wives and children have been evacuated on salaries from \$300 to \$500 per month. They will find it hard to send \$160 plus medical fees each month to their families in another country.

"It is a serious matter to break up families—children will grow up without the security of home life. Husbands and wives face the strain of re-adjustment. People cannot be uprooted from their normal existence without detriment to themselves and

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Recent "signs and portents" although as yet, somewhat indistinct, encourage the belief that the Far Eastern situation is moderating in intensity—as the Royal Observatory would say.

There appears to be some little indication that Japan is at last beginning to think a little more seriously about the future.

According to one report, during the week, Tokyo has now made it known that there is an "escape clause" in the pact with Germany and Italy, and from this announcement may reasonably be deduced the belief that the Japanese are beginning to realise that they have been well and truly led up the garden path by Hitler and Mussolini.

It is perfectly obvious that Japan would lose everything and gain nothing if she were so misguided as to force conflict with Britain and the United States.

To whom could she look for assistance? Certainly not Germany or Italy, for those two countries are very thoroughly held in check on the seas and in the air by Great Britain. If, as seems to be the case, Japan believed that Hitler could keep his promises and completely subjugate Europe and the British Isles, that belief has been very effectively shattered.

Whatever bargain was offered (and doubtless Hitler was very generous in offering other people's property) it must have dawned on the mind of Japan, that the Fuehrer is about the greatest confidence-trickster and bluff merchant that the world has ever encountered.

With the pricking of the bubble, German impudence and Hitlerian machinations have been well and truly exposed. Even Mussolini has ceased his bragging. Japan cannot close her eyes to the present reality.

I have been taken seriously to task for my reference last week to the attitude adopted

by some ladies when they appeared before the Evacuation Tribunal.

If I unintentionally hurt some feminine feelings, I humbly and sincerely apologise. Apparently, my employment of the term "weaker sex" aroused some resentment in the maternal breasts of some of my readers. I was misunderstood. It is almost impossible to analyse the feminine mind, the many facets of which are able to split up the light of sweet reasoning into a thousand different shades. Divergent; dichroic!

When I had the temerity to refer to the weaker sex, I was probably lost in reverie which carried me back to the days when knights used to rally forth to wars, bidding fond and courageous farewells to their ladies, who, did not demand of the Government of the day that they should be permitted to accompany their lords and masters.

To-day, as far as Hongkong is concerned, the very opposite appears to be the case. It is necessary that our women folk and children leave us in the interest of safety and convenience, while we mere mortal men remain behind determined to protect their homes to the day when we shall await their return.

At the moment, we reside in what is virtually a backwater of Europe. We see the chaos and grimness of war over there, and realise that even here—ten thousand miles away we might be caught up in that maelstrom which is sweeping Europe. The possibilities are fully appreciated, and the first thought which comes to mind is for the safety of women and children. For the masculine peace of mind it is advisable that common sense should prevail.

It is somewhat difficult to justify the principle when the wives of many officials have been afforded preferential treatment—or at least, have been able to produce excuses which other women have not.

In various parts of the city, while lines have been painted which indicate where traffic should stop until the green light appears, the intersection of Des Voeux Road and Pedder Street is a particularly important section, and yet rickshaws, and even motor vehicles frequently occupy the actual footpath as defined by the white lines, and nobody seems to care!

JOHN BLUNT

Mr. PEPYS in HONGKONG

Up betimes and did walk upon my leads to inspect my seeds which do come up apace, though my pansies do not germinate as plentifully as I had hoped. To my office where I order my papers and to the Clubbe for nunchoon where I talk with Major O'Trigger. And I do marvel at the work he does. Home pretty betimes and playing with Ba who has developed a mind of his own.

Up very betimes and it is a race day, so very early to my office. To my nunchoon at Mr. Caldwell's box where there come no ladies. Apart from my usual cus-

A HORNETS' NEST



Telegraph Saturday Feature

tom I did wagger a little and had a good beginning upon Dupont Bay, and at the end was some forty dollars in profit. After the Races we did converse for some time, and thence home direct and very early to bed.

Up pretty betimes and I do inspect my garden and give the Fa Wong precise orders how hee shall arrange my vegetables of which I do grow plenty. And it licks me that I have not sufficient ground to grow cabbages, cauliflowers and Brussell's sprouts which do take five months to come to maturity. For of other vegetables such as carrots and turnips I can take two crops in the time.

Thence to the Kowloon Krickett Clubbe where I am bidden to take nunchoon and I do watch a match against the Army which has a very exciting finish and Major Grose makes a century, though hee doo lift the ball somewhat. A very pleasant day and after talking in the Clubbe of past Krickett days which makes me somewhat sadde at heart. Home to dinner where Ba seems pleased to see me and sleeps upon my stomach for an hour or so. And so to bed.

Very busy at the office all day and at a quarter after five to my parade at Murray Barracks where at the time no one is come, but us old soldiers, wee did fall in and wait. And anon a most excellent lecture upon Passive Air Defence from a young officer whose name I know not, but hee did speak without notes for some hour and very clearly at that. To the Clubbe for a space and thence home and so to bed.

At the Clubbe at nunchoon I do hear from one of the King's Officers that an order is issued that all senior military officers must learn to ride a motor bicycle. And hee did add that those officers of the rank of Brigadier might be excused upon learning to ride on a pillion. But this I believe hee did speak in jest and it was not true.

Afterwards I did hear there was somewhat of what Creed did term a "Circus" upon Murray Parade ground. But to my great grief I

was busy in my office and saw it not. Later in the Clubbe I did see the Clerk of the Course and did suggest that at the next meeting hee should put in three dirt track races, one for Brigadiers, one for Staff Officers and one, Class C, for other Officers. But I do not believe hee will do it.

Up betimes and upon my leads but I am much irked that my mustard comes not up well—for the cress, with which I have hitherto had difficulty, does very well. My carnation seeds though come very late, doo germinate most excellently, but whether they will blossom before the fogge comes I know not.

Very busy at my office all day and after at six of the clock to the China Fleet Clubbe where the A.D.C. doo read two plays of one net by Mr. M. Coward. And I believe they will produce them in December for there was much talent there.

Back to the Snake Pit where I doo drink a glass or two with the ushers and doo discuss the plays and the method of producing them. And I believe all shall be well. Home and dined—and after fell asleep in my chair in my withdrawing room and when I wake at about eleven of the clock, I find Ba curled up close beside me and sound asleep which gives me much pleasure for hee is apt to be a kitchen cat.

Up betimes and on my leads as is my wont. My frezians are well up but I doo fear the Fa Wong does not plant sufficient in each pot, of which I doo have about fifty. Very grieved to find that some half of my sweet peas do not come up or die upon me, and I buy two more packets to replant them. And I think the reason is that it was too hot when I planted even though it was the last week in September. But this year the monsoon is most changeable and still wee have a south-west wind or southerly.

After I am ordered in the Office I doo meet Mr. Raleigh and Mr. South in the Clubbe and so up to my house where we doo speak to Mistress Raleigh by the electric telephone and so a pleasant party over a glass of Hollands waters. But Ba was at his worst behaviour, and would not stay with us. Dined on a dith of eggs, and so to bed.

GODS OF CHINA



KWOON YUM

As Mary is the Catholic church, so is Kwoon Yum (Kwoon Yum) to the Buddhist faith.

According to a beautiful Chinese legend, Kwoon Yum when about to enter Heaven heard a cry of anguish arising from the earth before her and moved by pity, paused as her feet touched the glorious threshold. Hence her name which means The one who hears the prayers of the world.

Once in old Buddhism a man was the chief God. Now he is completely eclipsed by Kwoon Yum. An old Chinese writer says:

The men love her, the children adore her and the women chant her prayers. She is the patron goddess of all mothers. She protects in sorrow. Other Gods are feared but she is loved. Other have scornful faces but her face is radiant as the sun and gentle as the moon. Her throne is the Isle of Pootoo to which she came floating as a water lily.

Kwoon Yum is the model of Chinese beauty and to say a lady or a little girl is a "Kwoon Yum" is the highest compliment that can be paid to grace and loveliness.

The stories told of her are legion and all serve to show how ready she was to sacrifice herself at all times for the good of others however unworthy they might be. Among the Buddhist families the baby girls are presented at birth to Kwoon Yum and afterwards regards her as their godmother.

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A HA'PORTH OF TAR

"Steward, there's tar on my dinner jacket."
"Yes, Sir. Off the rigging, Sir. We told you it was wet, Sir, but you wouldn't take no notice. Up you went like a two-year-old."
"I see. And what did I do next?"
"You sang some songs, Sir. Greatly appreciated they was. Some of the crew asked me if you'd be so good as to write out the words."
"I'll have to think about that, Steward. So altogether it was a pretty mately night?"
"There's been nothing like it on the South China Sea, Sir, since the Plover won the Irish Sweep. All the other gentlemen are confined to their bunks, Sir. They say it was the lobster mayonnaise."
"Lobster grandmother! Why didn't they stick to gin and Rose's as I did? I haven't got a hangover."
"You're not the first gentleman I've heard say that about Rose's Lime Juice. Not by a long chalk."
"Good. And now I think I could do with an eye-opener—a nice stiff gin and Rose's. I suppose the sun is over the yardarm?"
"Sir, the sun is permanently over the yardarm in the South China Sea."

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Above are some of the players who took part in the International match between India and Portugal at the Kowloon F.C. last Sunday. India won the game by 17-12. Left to right are R. F. da Luz, A. H. Bumjahn, A. M. Bumjahn, K. M. Omar and F. V. V. Ribeiro (bowling).—Ming Yuen.

International Bowls Series Continues

(By "Wick")

OFFICIALLY the Lawn Bowls season may be drawing to a close; but interest in the game, what with the International, the Open Singles and Volunteer competitions still in progress, is still very keen. And this in spite of the fact that cricket is just about getting into full swing.

The Colony singles championship reached the final stage on Thursday. While M. N. Rakusen's victory over F. J. Jones cannot be termed a "surprise," U. M. Omar's defeat definitely was, especially as he was leading 14-2 and 18-6. But even champions sometimes suffer a lapse of form and it is then up to their opponents to seize their opportunity. M. R. Abbas gratefully accepted his.

The green was a trifle tricky, and as only to be expected, Omar, with his greater experience, settled down more quickly than his opponent and had things more or less his own way at the start. After Abbas had found the green, the match became more even, and it was in the terminating heads, when Omar's seemingly winning lead was cut down gradually, that the best bowling of the match was seen.

Rakusen and Jones displayed some canny drawing to the Jack. The former was very consistent throughout in this respect, and because of his greater steadiness, deserved to win.

The final, between Rakusen and Abbas, should be an even game. Both are steady drawing men.

International Matches

The second round of the International Series will be played to-day, weather permitting. The matches are due to start at 3 p.m. instead of 3.30 p.m., as originally announced.

The following is the draw:

England v. Wales
Ireland v. Switzerland
Scotland v. India
Philippines v. Australia

The rinks are as follows:

England.—G. Perkins, W. J. Bugley, G. H. Sherriff and A. J. Hall.
Wales.—H. R. Davies, R. M. Oeden, J. E. Henson and P. Younghusband.
Ireland.—C. Downman, A. Wright, H. Lockhart and W. V. Field.
Switzerland.—L. Gudel, V. Naef, J. S. Lundell and C. S. Hoesel.
Scotland.—W. McLeod, R. Morrison, J. C. Chalmers and R. Duncan.
India.—A. H. Bumjahn, A. M. Bumjahn, K. M. Omar and U. M. Omar.
Philippines.—H. A. Castro, A. E. H. Castro, V. N. Alencas and R. Bica.
Australia.—N. A. E. Mackay, W. K. Way, A. J. Kew and F. C. Fletcher.

Prospects Of Finals

On paper at any rate, the Scotland v. India match seems to be the best of the four. India eliminated a strong Portugal rink last Sunday and have another hard nut to crack in Scotland. Remembering what Bob Duncan's four did against U. M. Omar's rink in the Open championship, one hesitates to make any forecast of the result of this tie, particularly as Bob to-day has a stronger rink.

Switzerland, the holders, should have little difficulty in getting into the semi-finals as their opponents, Ireland—despite their victory over Malaya last week—are not quite up to their standard.

England's passage into the semi-finals also seems assured. Philippines, who put out China in the first round, have a stronger team to contend with in Australia, and a close game should be witnessed here.

It is to be hoped that the rain will keep away this week-end, for the semi-final matches are due to be played on the Kowloon C. C. green to-morrow at 3 p.m. The draw, as already announced, has resulted as follows:

Philippines or Australia v. England or Wales.
Ireland or Switzerland v. Scotland or India.

RICKETTS TOO GOOD

Wins China Title For Fourth Time

SHANGHAI, Oct. 21.—Breaking one over par yesterday morning in the final day's play of the Amateur Open Golf Championship of China over the Hungjiao course, "Tony" Ricketts retained the trophy for the fourth consecutive year, sealing the issue by seven strokes over his closest rivals which—added to the lead of eight secured over the Seeking-jao links the previous day—gave him almost a stroke for each hole for the afternoon session.

The champion stood head and shoulders over the field. His putting showed marked improvement and bordered on the superb. Thirty-foot putts were sunk with amazing accuracy.

An outstanding characteristic of his play—was his readiness to play the possible and—unlike the rest—never attempted the impossible. He was never rattled. No matter how the fates had it stacked against him, he would simply pull out of a difficult lie onto the fairway and let his approach do the rest. In this he was deadly.

His opponent, C. O. Cumming, proved a worthy pace-maker when the champion was in difficulties.

After a bad start in the morning, which, incidentally, was duplicated in the afternoon's play, Ricketts rallied after the fourth hole, although his partner had the honour at each hole until the seventh. From then onwards Ricketts was set.

Wonderful Recovery At 8th

At the 8th hole the champion hooked a drive into the trees. He recovered with a neat flick onto the fairway, followed by an iron dead on the green about thirty feet from the peg. Cumming, on the other hand, topped his second for a lucky bounce to the green leaving him with an "eagle" which he muffed to secure a birdie. This seemed to act as a spur to the champion, who, on sizing the situation and the lie facing the hole by sinking the 30-footer.

The Scores

	1st Day	2nd Day	Total	Grand
A. Ricketts	151	70	221	225
L. D. Carson	159	77	236	244
A. R. Davis	160	80	240	245
W. H. C. Russell	162	82	244	248
R. Sawyer	163	85	248	253
T. Sanyal	169	79	248	253
C. Dickson	169	77	246	252
S. M. Terrace	165	80	245	250
J. R. Glaze	164	83	247	252
A. Grubb	166	81	247	253
O. Cumming	169	85	254	259
J. A. Hawkins	171	84	255	260
J. H. Fox	172	78	250	253
K. M. Cumming	172	83	255	260
W. H. B. Rigg	171	87	258	265
W. D. Ward-Smith	171	89	260	269
H. J. Wall	172	87	259	266
A. V. Pettitt	174	88	262	270
S. Malver	171	89	260	269
M. M. Bates	171	93	264	273
S. Meshevsky	173	93	266	275
E. F. Szelcman	172	94	266	275
A. D. Grubb	173	96	269	278

—Tie for third place. A. D. Davis won in the play-off.

Garrison Sports Notes

RUGGER PROSPECTS GOOD THIS SEASON Splendid Start Made

(By "Collie")

ARMY PLAYERS have made a splendid start in the new Rugby season. The first two matches against the Club have been won, the Army men showing themselves to be very fit as compared with their opponents who faded badly in the second half.

THE ONLY newcomer to the Army rugby circles this season is 2nd Lieut. Heath, who is a bustling, hard-working forward and very useful in the pack. Capt. Douglas, Royal Scots, in the unaccustomed position of centre three quarter, played a very safe game and could be relied on throughout; and Capt. Hook also played an excellent game at fly-half.

It appears, after seeing the first Royal Scots XV game, that nobody will be able to touch the Royal Scots in the Army Rugby world this season; their forwards are particularly strong, the outstanding players being Lieuts. Millar, Pinkerton and Cuthbertson.

R.A.M.C. Doing Well

The R.A.M.C. drew with one of H.M. Ships last Thursday with 3 points each. It was a very exciting game and both teams worked hard, and the outstanding player of the R.A.M.C. was Capt. Seriven who continually made good passes but was let down badly by the three quarters, who were weakened by the absence of their star players, Lieut. Coombes and Pte Macdonald.

The R.A.M.C. team has been forming a wonderful combination this season up to now and should not lose many games in the small units league. Another victory was obtained by the R.A.M.C. on Tuesday at the Naval Ground at Causeway Bay when they beat the Combined Destroyers of the Royal Navy 13 points to 3 points.

Every point was well earned as both teams played an extremely good game although the Naval team appeared to weaken towards the end of the second half.

Capt. Barclay of the R.A.M.C. played a very safe game and prevented a touch down by the Naval team on several occasions. Pte Macdonald of the R.A.M.C. retained his old form and worked hard, but he never had the chance to make his usual run through as he was well marked by the Naval team.

The three quarters played an amazing game and kept together throughout the match, outstanding players being Major Harvey, Lieut. Coombes and Pte Macdonald.

The forwards played an excellent game but were incensed to find at times although they managed to hold their opponents even with a loose pack.

Capt. Barclay did some of the best kicking this season up to now as he converted two tries as well as scoring a penalty kick.

HOCKEY

THE first matches of the small units league were completed on Saturday with the results that the R.A.M.C. beat the C.M.H. by two goals to one; R.C.O.S. beat R.A.S.C. by three goals to nil; K.A.F. beat R.A.O.C. by six goals to two.

The results were more or less expected except the R.A.M.C. beating the C.M.H.; several of the C.M.H. players have been sick and several players have been injured. But the R.A.M.C. must be congratulated on a very much improved showing over previous matches.

Bhag Singh I.H.C. played an excellent game for the C.M.H. team in spite of being continually bottled up by a strong defence of the R.A.M.C. The outstanding player of the R.A.M.C. team was Major Harvey who played extremely well throughout the match.

The 5th Battalion 7th Rajput Regt who have only just arrived in the colony should do much to fill the place of the Rajputana Rifles who left recently. Of course they have not time to settle down properly yet, but the Rajputana Rifles had to put out their best efforts before they left to beat the Regt 3 goals to one goal.

The Rajput Regt made their debut in local hockey last Saturday by beating the Nomads. The inside right of the Rajput Regt has played in the Olympic Indian Trials and should be a great asset to the team this season. Capt. Wood is also a star player in the team and should be watched by the Army Sports Committee with a careful eye.

FOOTBALL

THERE has been no notable change in the Royal Scots first eleven or the Middlesex first eleven this season. Both teams

play fine football, but the Army Sports Board will have to watch their step if they want to beat the Chinese teams in the representative games as the result of the Middlesex versus South China was not at all successful from the soldiers' point of view.

The Royal Engineers appear to be doing well this season and have beaten everyone they met, including Sing Tao in the second division who have several former first division players, and if they keep this up they should go a long way.

The Army team is at a disadvantage this season as Sing Tao's first eleven is almost a Chinese representative team and they play extremely well together as they continually practice team formation; so the Army Representative Team will have to get more together and have some practice matches if they want to do any good against such teams as Sing Tao.

It is not generally known that Chinese serving in the Army at the present time can play for the Army and may be brought forward before very long as there are some excellent players amongst them, such as Li Wan-lan of the suppers who found the net four times when he played against the Police.

CRICKET

PROSPECTS appear to be rosy in the cricket world for the Army first team this season with the addition of the Pearce Brothers of the R.A., and it looks as if they will carry everything before them, having already thrashed the I.R.C. last Saturday.

Sgt. Webb R.A.M.C. and L/Cpl. L. A.S.C. still retain their old form from last season and should be a great help to the team this season, as both have started extremely well.

On Sunday a very exciting game was played against the K.C.C. Both teams played excellent cricket and the outstanding bat of the game was Major Grose, R.E., upon whom fortune smiled at least once or twice. Other players who showed signs of retaining their old form were L/Cpl. Logan who made 44 runs and Sgt. Webb who made 42 runs. Sgt. Denyer R.E. showed his cunning with the ball by taking 3 wickets for the Army.

The outstanding players of the K.C.C. team were: Anderson 80 runs; McKay 60 runs and Fincher 58 runs not out.

Scores:—Army. 230 runs for 7 wickets; K.C.C. 230 runs for 7 wickets.

French Tennis Stars Unscathed In Warfare

PARIS, Aug. 22.—French tennis has had no casualties in this war, according to a check made by Paul Feret, former Davis Cup player and partner of the late Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen during her professional tour of the United States. The stars Cochet, Borotra and Brugnon have all survived and the younger vintage players have also come out of the conflict unscathed, save that some are war prisoners.

Cochet, who served in the artillery, is presently in Lyon, his native city, and it is understood that he intends to become a farmer. He previously bought a farm near Paris and he has told friends that he will definitely withdraw from tennis and devote himself to the raising of a racquet from now on.

Borotra received the portfolio of the newly created Ministry of Physical Culture when Marshal Petain formed his new Cabinet, and his administration, which aims to achieve a renaissance of French athletic training among the youth of the land, has already moved to Paris, where it now works. Borotra served as a lieutenant during the war and narrowly escaped capture.

The Younger Men

Brugnon is in Paris. Boussus and Destremeu are in the unoccupied zone as is Marcel Bernard, who is still in uniform and was awarded

WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Following is the week-end Football League programme:

To-day	
First Division	
Navy	v R. Scots
(Causeway Bay, 4.30 p.m.)	
Eastern	v Club
(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)	
Middlesex	v St. Joseph's
(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)	
Second Division	
Ordனர்	v Club
(Caroline Hill, 3.00 p.m.)	
Navy	v 20th R.A.
(Causeway Bay, 3.00 p.m.)	
Middlesex	v Kwong Wah
(Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)	
R. Engineers	v R. Scots
(Military, 3.00 p.m.)	
Kit Chee	v Kowloon
(Military, 4.30 p.m.)	
Third Division	
Service Corps	v 12th R.A.
(St. Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.)	
Engineers	v Shell
(St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)	
24th R.A.	v Air Force
(Club, 3.00 p.m.)	
35th R.A.	v Medicals
(Stanley, 3.00 p.m.)	

Sunday	
First Division	
South China	v Sing Tao
(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)	
Kwong Wah	v Police
(Boundary St. 4.30 p.m.)	
Second Division	
South China	v Sing Tao
(Caroline Hill, 3.00 p.m.)	
Service Corps	v Police
(Boundary St. 3.00 p.m.)	
Third Division	
7th R.A.	v 20th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)	
Signals	v 30th R.A.
(Club, 3.00 p.m.)	
A.S.A.	v International
(Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.)	

TRAGEDY MARS GOLF TOURNEY

SHANGHAI, Oct. 20.—Tragedy marred the first rounds of the Amateur Golf Championship of China at Seekingjao yesterday, when death struck Alex Henderson down at the fourth tee. Playing against C. O. Cumming, Henderson was just about to drive off from the fourth when he suddenly and unaccountably collapsed. Anxious hands carried him hurriedly to the Club House and Dr. O'Hara was immediately summoned from the city.

He rushed to Seekingjao as quickly as possible, only to pronounce Henderson dead as soon as he arrived. The cause of death was apparently some kind of seizure, but its exact nature has not been divined as yet. The dead man never regained consciousness.

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26043-A	I'd Love To Live In Loveland-Waltz, Wayne King & His Orch.
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26055-A	Can't Get Indiana Off My Mind-Fox Trot, Hal Kemp Orch.
26055-A	I Just Couldn't Take It Baby-Fox Trot, do do
26055-A	Souvenir de Vienne-Waltz, Wayne King Orch.
26055-A	Because-Waltz, do do
26063-A	Old Man Blues-Fox Trot, Sidney Bechet.
26063-A	Nobody Knows The Way I Feel Di-Morin-Fox Trot, do do
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26064-A	Remember, do do
26065-A	The Rumba-Card-Rumba, Waldorf-Astoria Orch.
26065-A	Whatever Happened To You-Fox Trot, do do
26065-A	Only Forever-Fox Trot, Tommy Dorsey & Orch.
26065-A	Trade Winds-Fox Trot, do do
26067-A	A Million Dreams Ago-Fox Trot, Wayne King & Orch.
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26068-A	Mary Had A Little Lamb, do do
26068-A	Body and Soul, do do

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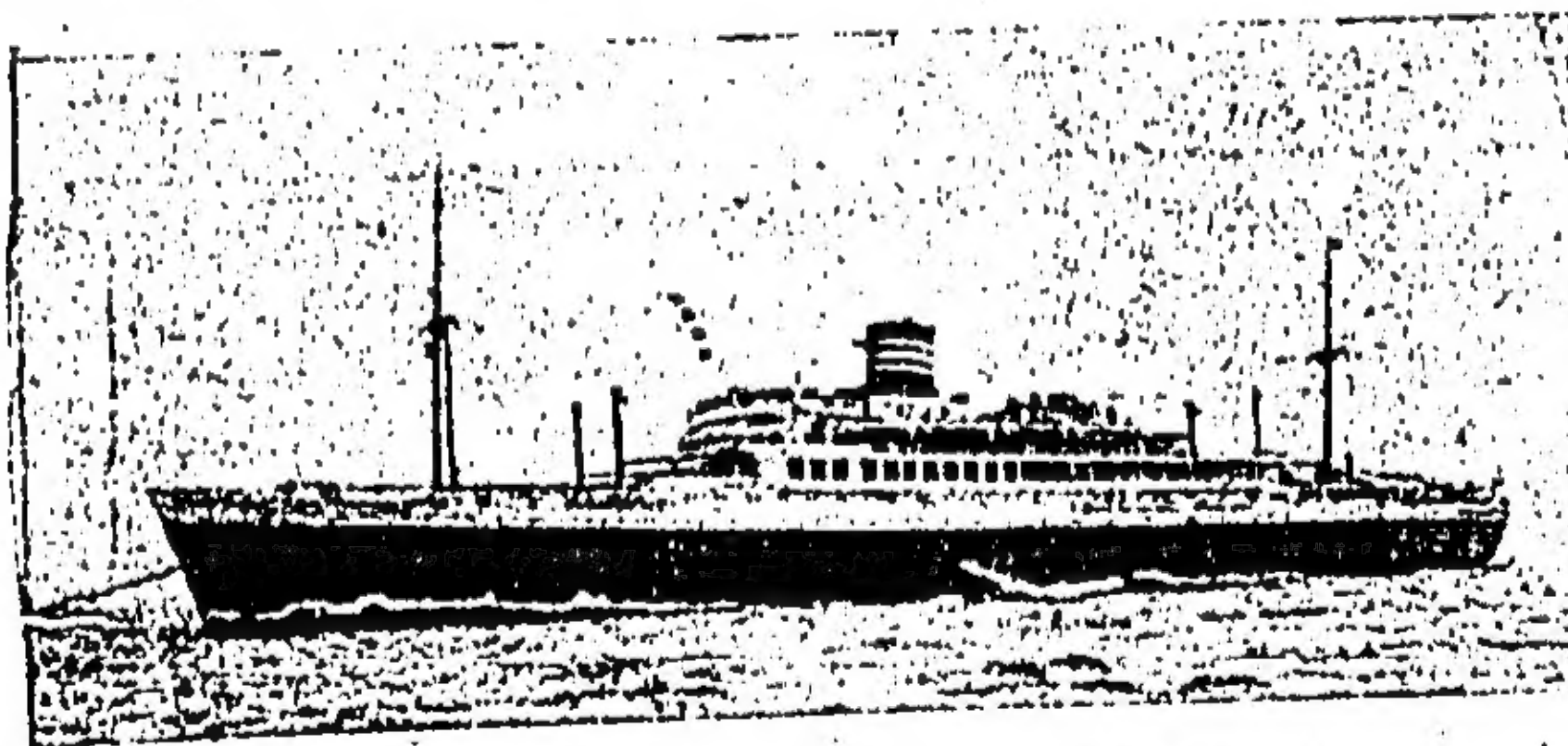
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HITLER'S FEAR

REPORTS and speculations concerning Hitler's new political offensive involving France and Spain are not unnaturally confusing, particularly in view of the paucity of actual facts regarding the German dictator's conferences with Franco, Laval and Petain. But certain things not only appear to be obvious, but have been given some emphasis by semi-official Nazi spokesmen.

One is that Hitler is thoroughly frightened by America's uncompromising dislike of Totalitarianism and her re-emphasised determination to eschew appeasement with aggressor nations. Another that Hitler knows the British blockade is slowly strangling his country. Hitler, therefore, appears to be attempting a diplomatic blitzkrieg which he hopes will so embarrass Britain in the Mediterranean and the Middle East that she will be prepared to come to some sort of terms before the United States has had time to settle down after the Presidential election. The time element has always been a potent factor in the Nazi war plan and its importance has in no way become lessened with the successes so far achieved by Hitler.

Apparently the German dictator has already made up his mind about the result of the U.S. Presidential election, and that it will be a result embarrassing to his cause. With President Roosevelt once again in the White House, American foreign policy vis-a-vis the Axis will move from its hitherto adulatory terms to concrete and unrelenting opposition. Mr. Roosevelt has scarcely attempted to conceal this. It is not unreasonable to believe that every new move that the Axis now makes which is capable of creating a more difficult situation for Britain will result in correspondingly increased assistance from the United States.

The totalitarian leaders, doubtless, have always appreciated this possibility, and their only method of obviating it was speed in attaining their ends. Everything went according to schedule until it came to subjugating Britain; there Hitler stumbled, and it must be in the knowledge that before the end of 1940, the United States will be in a position to supply England with almost anything she needs in the way of war materials that prompts the

BRITAIN'S OUTPOST IN ICELAND

From Our Reykjavik Correspondent

The last three months have given time for the Icelanders to accustom themselves to the British occupation of their country and, in most cases, to realise the necessity for it.

Most people here thought that the declaration of permanent neutrality and the smallness, isolation, and poverty of the country would be sufficient to keep Iceland outside any European war, but the events of the last few months have shown that no respect for neutrality and no consideration for weakness is to be expected from the present rulers of Germany.

In view of Iceland's geographical position which gives her a strategic importance in the North Atlantic, the majority of the people are relieved that the British forces have forestalled any attempt on the part of Germany to seize the island. This naturally does not mean that Icelanders do not regret the temporary loss of their independence, but that they acknowledge the inevitability of the move and have faith in the British Government's word that the occupation will not last any longer than is necessary.

Most of the people of Iceland are pro-British in sentiment, especially in the present war, and have every confidence that the war will end in the defeat of totalitarianism. The persistent spreading of Nazi propaganda and the aggressive attitude of some of the Germans resident here had also aroused apprehensions even before the activities of the "Fifth Column" in Norway and elsewhere became known. There is no doubt that any German force landing here would have met with a very different reception from that accorded to the British troops, although armed resistance would have been impossible as Iceland has no armed forces of any kind.

Cash Payments

On May 10, the day when the British occupation took place, no work was done in Reykjavik. Every one was out in the streets and down by the harbour watching the troops.

There were few serious faces, to most people it was a pleasurable excitement to see armed soldiers, and every detail of their equipment had to be examined, explained, and discussed by crowds of curious idlers.

There were no signs of any fear of the new arrivals and their cheerful courtesy and unfailing good nature made a favourable impression and have repeatedly been praised in the Press here, although, especially during the first few days, the curiosity of the crowds who gathered to watch every activity of the troops must often have hampered their work and tried their patience.

The children run to greet any soldier they see, even tiny

Fuehrer to make a desperate bid to bring the conflict to a close, and to consolidate his gains.

But Hitler's latest diplomatic offensive is as naive in conception as it is questionable in effectiveness. He may gain everything he seeks from France and Spain, but if he believes this is likely to coerce Britain into suing for peace, or even to consider a peace gesture from the Reich Chancellor, he is shockingly astray in his assessment of the British mentality.

Britain may have been a trifle vague about the details of her war aims, but she has never left in doubt her determination to smash Hitlerism; it will take more than a political offensive to turn her aside from this aim.

toddlers will leave their play and thrust their hands confidently into those of passing soldiers and walk along with them. Even the babies have now learnt to call out "Hallo," "What's your name?" "G'bye," when they see a khaki uniform and the men are rapidly learning words and phrases in Icelandic.

Most of the children of Reykjavik, however, either have been, or are to be, evacuated into the country.

The Red Cross and other organisations are working hard to raise funds for this purpose, but accommodation is by no means easy to obtain, as the majority of the country people are farmers, who often have large families themselves, whose houses are usually small, and who in summer need every man and woman on the farm to work at the hay, which is the only crop and the only food for the livestock in the winter, so that no one has leisure to care for small children.

Every one, however, is doing his utmost to help and the children are settling well.

The problem of accommodation has troubled the British troops as well as those responsible for evacuating the children.

A country of just over 117,000 inhabitants has not many buildings large enough to be suitable quarters for soldiers and the officers responsible for billeting must have had a harassing time in disposing of the accommodation available.

Every type of building has been pressed into service and Icelanders have not failed to comment that the British Army pays for what it needs, not with credit notes as the Germans are said to pay in Denmark, but in cash and at a fair rate.

Although the first reception of the British troops was so good and although their subsequent behaviour has on the whole made a good impression it must not be implied that every section of public opinion is pro-British.

For a number of years now Iceland has been subjected to an increasing amount of German propaganda. Germany has always, even in pre-Nazi days, shown a genuine interest in Icelandic culture and history and Icelandic scholars and scientists have always been welcomed and helped and treated with great hospitality and kindness in Germany.

The majority of the Icelandic doctors and scientists received at least part of their training in Germany and German universities have devoted a great deal of work and money to the study of the Icelandic language and literature.

This interest naturally evoked a sympathetic response here, especially among members of the learned professions. The activities of the Nazi Government seemed to have impaired, if not destroyed, the sympathy of most of the latter although they retain their gratitude to the scholars and people of Germany.

A more dangerous form of propaganda was used to influence young people of both sexes, but especially young men of 18 to 25 years of age. The Nazi Government did a great deal to win the adherence of this section of the people.

They supported the Icelandic flying club by sending instructors in gliding and a number of gliders for the use of the club. They sent teachers of skiing and rock climbing and invited Icelandic football and athletic teams to Germany and did everything possible to make a good impression upon the members of such teams while they were there.

The German Consul-General in Reykjavik before the British occupation was a personal friend of Hermann Goering and Streicher and other prominent Nazi officials.

He was removed from Basle at the request of the Swiss Government because of his propagandist activities and he and his consular staff and other

agents, resident Germans and pro-Nazi Icelanders, worked continuously to foster pro-German feeling here and to organise an Icelandic Nazi party on the lines of the German prototype.

This party still remains, although the Germans responsible for its leadership have been removed from the country. There is evidence of its activity in the number of stories which are constantly being circulated with the object of breaking down the moral of the Icelandic people and making them afraid of German attacks on this country.

All such stories gain credence for a day or two and tend to increase the nervousness of the people, and the propagandists do not forget to say that if the Germans do come it will all be the fault of the British, because if they had stayed away Germany would never have thought of violating Icelandic neutrality. To those who are unaware of the extent of German activities here before the British occupation this argument seems quite plausible.

False Rumour

Another type of story is still more mischievous in its effects since it aims at creating bad feeling towards the British troops.

These stories are usually absolute fabrications, but there are always some people who believe them and are influenced by them in their attitude towards the British soldiers.

As an example I may cite one rumour, which I, personally, know to have no foundation in fact.

The day after the arrival of the British troops the rumour spread that when they went to arrest the crew of the shipwrecked German freighter, the Bahia Blanca, one of the crew, a boy of 16, had a fit of hysteria and was promptly shot through the leg by one of the British soldiers as an example to the others to come quietly.

I can affirm quite definitely that none of the Germans who were arrested made the slightest trouble nor offered any resistance and that no shot was fired that day.

Such stories are evidence of the continued activities of the Nazi element here, and coupled with an increasing number of attacks on British soldiers in cafes and the streets by half-intoxicated youths out for quarrelling, show the extent to which German propaganda had won over a certain section of Icelandic youth.

Although this anti-British feeling seems to be growing stronger in many quarters, yet I think it is fair to say that the majority of Icelanders sympathise with the cause of freedom as against dictatorship and oppression.

The attitude of the Icelandic Government has been, apparently, quite correct. They registered a formal protest against the occupation of the country, as was to be expected, but they have asked the people to remain calm and to treat the British soldiers with courtesy and respect as representatives of a friendly Power and as guests in the country.

Great Britain's action in sending a Minister Plenipotentiary here in recognition of Iceland as a sovereign State, after the German invasion of Denmark made it necessary for Iceland to take all her foreign affairs into her own hands, has been much appreciated, and the personality of Mr. Charles Howard Smith, H.B.M. Minister, has made a good impression.

See Pictures on Page 3, Supplement.

Second Bar To D.S.O. For Airman

WING-COMMANDER ("One Engine") Basil Edward Embry, A.F.C., reported in July as being a prisoner of war, has been awarded the rare distinction of a second bar to the D.S.O.

During operations over the Low Countries and France, Wing-Commander Embry "continued to display an extremely high standard of leadership and resolution in carrying out all the tasks allotted to his squadron, raising its morale to a high level and setting an example to the other squadrons in his group. He has shown a high sense of duty and determination."

The wing-commander, who is thirty-eight, won the first bar to his D.S.O. for gallantry in action over Norway last April.

Lost in Engine

He lost twelve planes in an attack on Stavanger aerodrome and seaplane base. One of his engines failed before he reached the target, but he went on, made a successful raid, and brought all twelve planes back safely. His original D.S.O. was awarded for his work in Waziristan, where he commanded a squadron in 1935.

Wing-Commander Embry was born at Barnwood, Gloucestershire, and was educated at Bromsgrove School. He joined the R.A.F. in 1921 with a short service commission, that was extended, and had been promoted to wing-commander by the end of 1935.

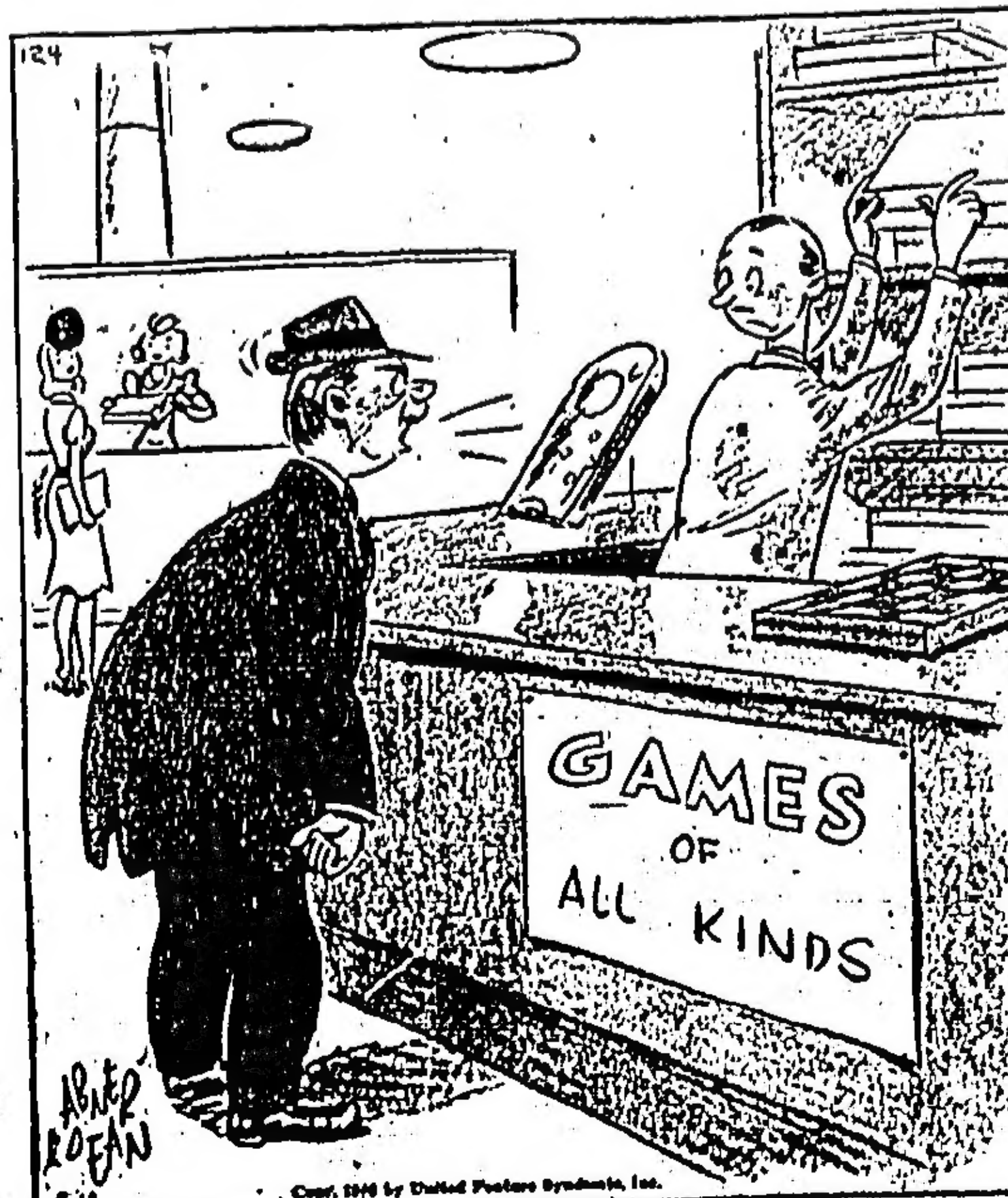
He saw service in Iran, received the Air Force Cross in the 1926 New Year Honours List, and was mentioned in dispatches from the North-West Frontier in 1935.

After temporary duty at the Air Ministry last year he was appointed to the command of a squadron at the beginning of the war.

Three Distinguished Flying Crosses were also included in the list of awards issued. They go to Wing-Commander John Goodenough Elton, A. F. C. Squadron-Leader Jack Cuthbert Larking and Squadron-Leader Anthony Dunkerton Selway.

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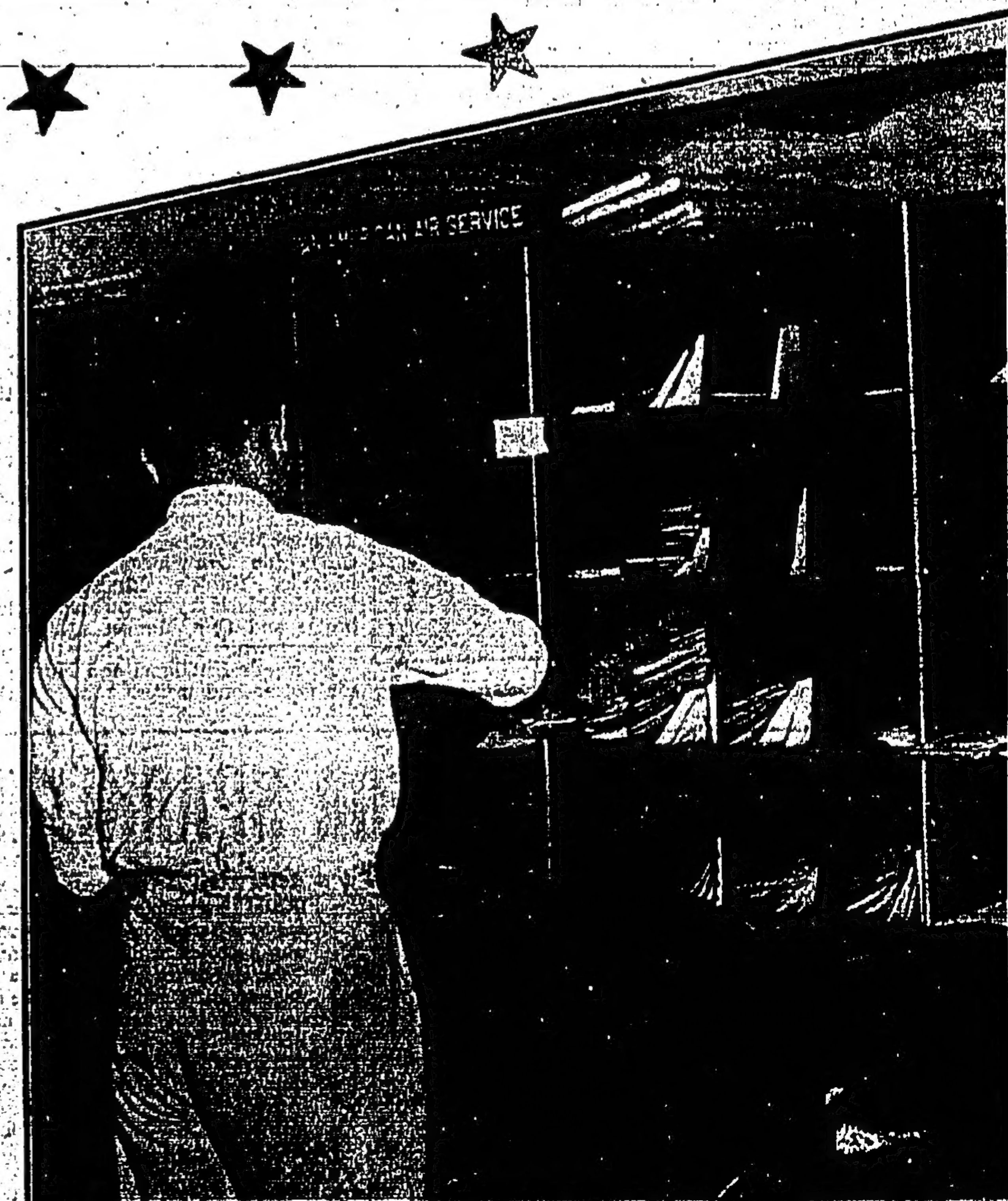


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GONE with the WIND

GONE WITH THE WIND: Vivien Leigh, Clark Gable, Olivia de Havilland; Queen's and Alhambra. Critical temperature, 90 deg.

THERE will be a battle over this film. One side (the louder side, though the smaller) will shout that it is three hours forty minutes of concentrated blah and hokum. They will shout Mrs. Henry Wood and Ouida and East Lynne and Charles Garvice and Victoria Cross.

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Tale Of Bad Woman

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Deep down in her, as in every woman, is the home ache. Men and babies, colours, clothes and flattery take second place.

At the end of the third hour and the thirty-fifth minute of this sumptuous photoplay the Man, Rhett Butler (Clark Gable), puts on his hat and walks out the front door, and when Scarlett (Vivien Leigh) cries weepily, "But what's going to happen to me?" he says.



Vivien Leigh is the whole show in "Gone With the Wind"—and a very good show too.

"Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn."

At that point every man in the audience will reach for his hat, agreeing. But women will stay on to see Scarlett, in a sea of tears, lift her head and blaze her eyes as she realises that she still has her home.

The home endures. As for men, says Scarlett, smiling through the tempest of her tears—"there's always to-morrow."

Face-Slapper

This is the biggest part that was ever tackled by any actress in the fantastic history of motion pictures. Rumour says

that every other actress in Hollywood—Norma Shearer, Katie Hepburn, Bette Davis, Miriam Hopkins... everybody in fact bar Garbo and Shirley Temple—turned it down.

Vivien Leigh is superb. Her eyes and chin are cat's. She smirks and says "Fiddle-de-dee!" and an half hour from the start she slaps Leslie Howard's face. It is a fine slap. She opens her shoulders like Bradman attacking a ball on the off, and when her little pink palm connects there is a noise like the crack of a stockwhip. From that point on, the film is hers. She slaps everybody as Mayor of New York; there with gusto, swirls her skirts, flares her nostrils. Her eyes are as restless as a deep-sea way with cloud shadows chasing a part in the world, the old way of Lillian Russell and the new way of her mother.

Through the American Civil War, through the burning of Atlanta, the wrecking of the great plantation homes of Georgia, the grim poverty of after-war this vivid little person flares.

Never Subdued

Everything happens to her. The lofty moral sensibility she is never subdued. Towards the end of this flamboyant narrative it dawns on the viewer that he has forgotten what started it all. Whole companies of characters are submerged in the flood of incident.

These survive: Hattie McDaniel's fat negro mammy, husky and throbbing voice, a Thomas Mitchell's Irish squire, number of the songs which Olivia de Havilland's gentle Lillian Russell used to sing. Melanie, Gable's Rhett (al- though this is by no means his lude with Gilbert and Sullivan, best), and Ona Munson's lady where Sullivan is discovered playing an andante by Mozart. Misses de Havilland and Munson got second prizes.

Summing up: Just a little too much of a very good thing.

Film: "Lillian Russell." Star: Alice Faye. Verdict: Another one of those films about actresses.

—King's.

This is yet another of the many films which seek to derive entertainment from dead entertainers.

The history of Lillian Russell might have been made more interesting than that of many actors and singers because her mother was a suffragette and the first woman to seek election as Mayor of New York; there might well have been an instructive contrast between the two in the world, the old way of Lillian Russell and the new way of her mother.

But though there are vague hints of such a contrast the theme comes to nothing, and, instead, there is the usual description of fantastic success, honourable poverty, and long drawn, excessively high-minded love affairs.

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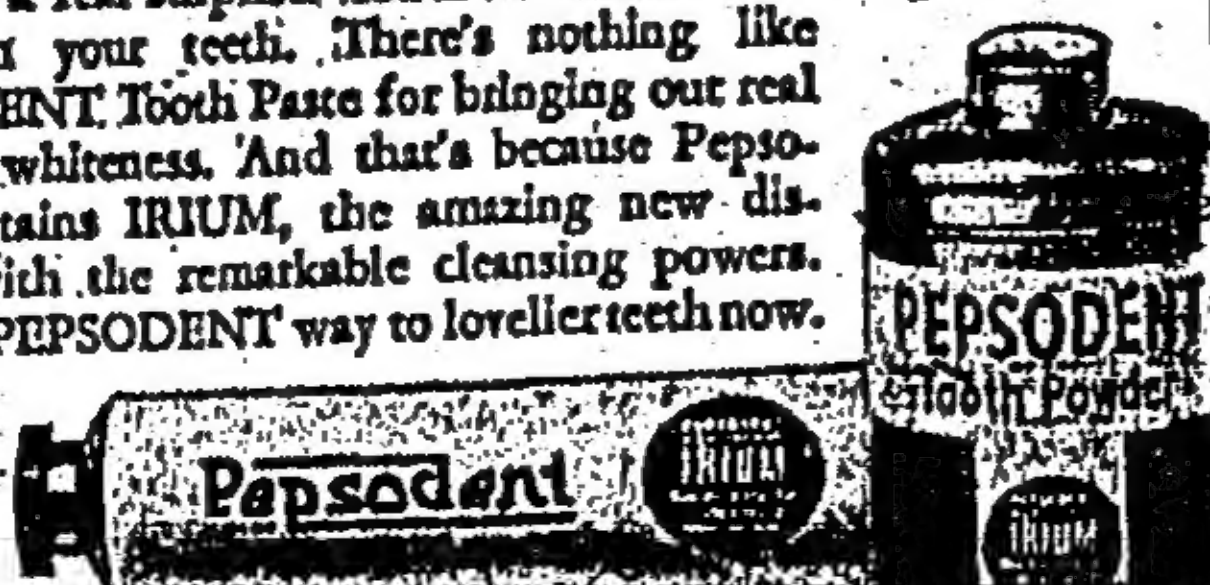
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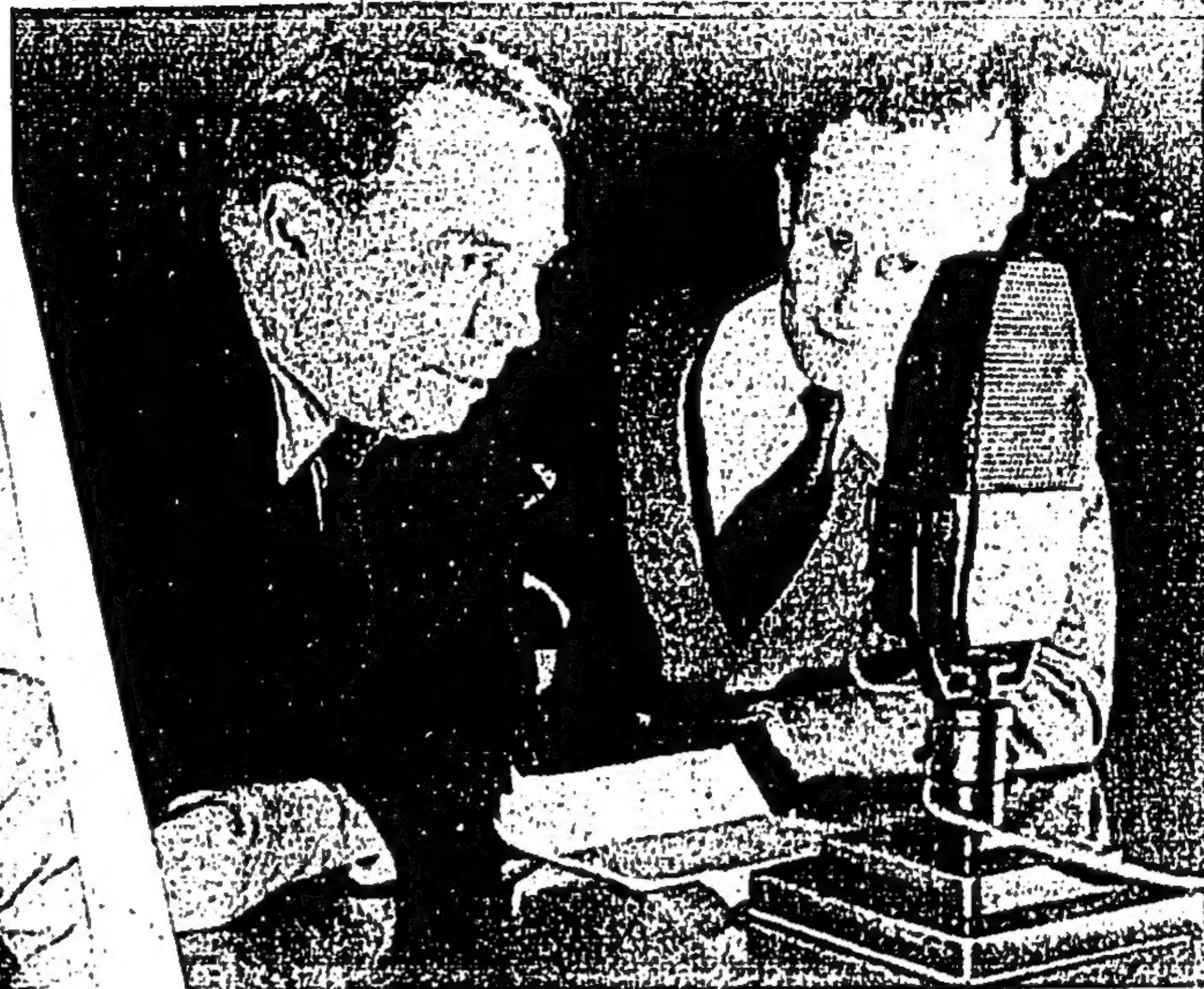
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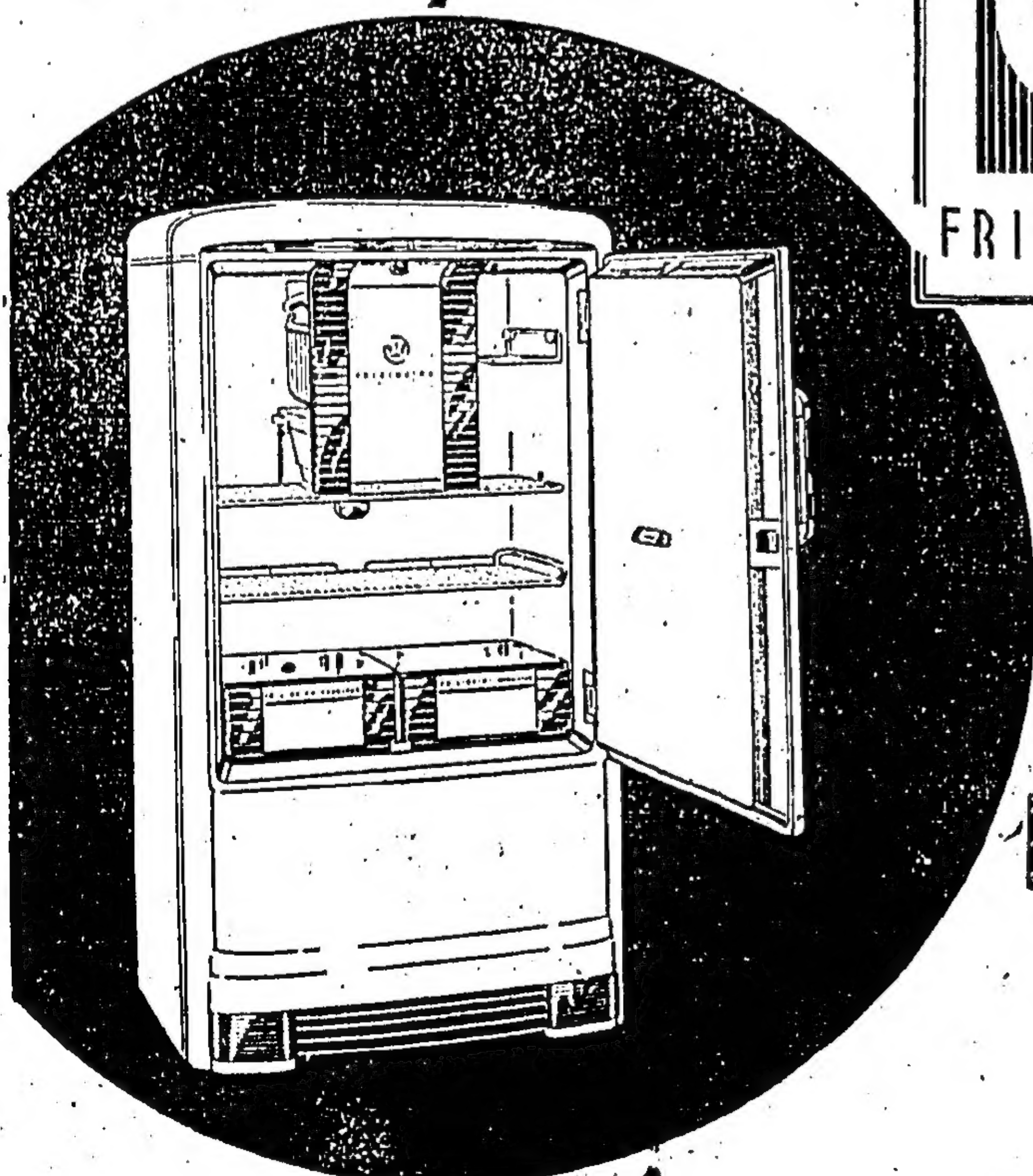


London's war-time life goes on despite air raids, and in the Services' canteen at Euston station, where this picture was taken, members of His Majesty's Forces--women as well as men--are interviewed by Vaughan Thomas for the B.B.C.'s Overseas short-wave transmission during an air raid.



Thumbs-up in the 'Hi, Gang' show which is broadcast each week in the B.B.C.'s Overseas short-wave service. The thumbs belong to: L. to R. (front row). Vic Oliver, Bobo Daniels, Ben Lyon, (back row). Jay Wilbur, Sam Browne, Harry Pepper (B.B.C. producer).

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Minority armies are still working powerfully against Britain's cause

By ALAN A. MICHIE

An American journalist working in London.

THE march of totalitarianism from Norway to Paris brought about an upheaval of American sentiment from Los Angeles to New York.

Millions of ostrich-minded Americans had hopelessly, selfishly put their trust in the wide stretches of the Atlantic, in the British Navy, even in the fortresses of the Maginot Line.

They pulled their heads from the sands to discover that the survival of Britain had become an immediate necessity for America.

To-day there is no doubt where Americans stand as a whole; a rapidly growing number, when questioned, favour extending material aid to Britain and the Allies, and the majority of the others have enlisted at least their emotions on the side of Britain.

Aware only of these sentiments from American reports in the British Press, people in Britain may naturally begin to feel irritated that America has not yet given a more concrete example of that aid, a more positive demonstration of those sympathies.

Tell America

Unfortunately, English people do not realise that while the voice of the majority in America is saying one thing, insidious minority groups are working furiously to achieve the opposite—to prevent aid to Britain by one means or another.

To my insistence that Britain must now, more than ever, use every method to publicise the British case formed papers in America, their intention in America in order to combat these intellectual upper middle-class circles of the East.

Worth their weight in diamonds . . .

THERE is great activity in yellow stones, unless for jewelry but essential to engineering.

The British Government is eagerly fostering the development of the diamond-cutting industry, and about 150 cutters who escaped from Holland and Belgium, the home of the industry, are training British workmen in the difficult art.

Why this sudden activity? There are two reasons.

One is that without diamonds of industrial diamonds compulsion and air works might soon be as well close, for diamonds are essential to precision engineering.

The other is the German occupation of Amsterdam and Antwerp, for these cities, with some 16,000 skilled workmen, had a virtual monopoly in diamond cutting.

Germany herself has 1,000 Germans were waiting to pocket cutters; the United States about 300; Africa a few hundreds. Britain, her safes crammed with millions of pounds worth of stones, had only a few dozen cutters.

So Germany has workers but few rough stones to cut. The world has the stones, but no one to shape them.

Meanwhile, demand soars and prices with it. Fine stones now fetch 200 per cent. of pre-war prices.

But hoarders still rush to buy, fearing inflation and crashing securities, knowing that diamonds retain international value through any upheaval; that \$500,000 can be carried in a pocket.

Before the war \$12,000,000 worth of cut diamonds sold in a year (80 per cent. to America). Since last September, it is estimated, \$24,000,000 worth have changed hands.

Industry, too, cries out for diamonds. Half the world's splitting might ruin a stone output are lustreless, brown—worth a fortune.

To get the true perspective, Britons should be told what the isolationist Chicago "Tribune" is telling its many readers in America's second largest city, or what the Hearst "Journal-American" is saying in New York.

A Queer Mixture

Opposition to Britain and America aid to her has resulted in the getting together of the most curious group of pressure minorities ever assembled.

Before the war the American Government estimated that there were at least 150 organisations "with Fascist-Nazi leanings" in the country.

Among them were the followers of Father Coughlin; the Silver Shirts; the re-awakened Ku Klux Klan; the Christian Front; the Knights of the White Camellia; the German-American Bund, now renamed the German-American Alliance; the Vindicators, headed by demagogic Senator Robert Reynolds of North Carolina; and dozens of smaller groups.

Lindbergh's Sponsors

Not consciously Fascist but four—not speak for the real America, but the isolationist of the real America is slow to become articulate. Its voice has been choked off in the confusion and doubt of the Foreign Wars, the Gold Star Mothers, past six weeks.

Organised since the war, and sponsor of Colonel Lindbergh's radio is the Citizens' Keep-America-At-Home Committee.

Many of these groups, particularly the I.R.A. in America, have come under the wing of German Em-Traffic, and reporting directly to German Em-Traffic.

The "Keep Out of War" demand the questions. The next month or so is being actively pushed by some of the followers of John L. Lewis, the leader of the Congress of Industrial Organisations, by the Communist-controlled American Youth Congress, will begin to be heard.

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One word from him sets the wires humming.

and by sincere college students who have grown up in an atmosphere of militant pacifism.

Anti-British activity does not stop at street parades and speech-making. Government investigation has revealed that Communist-Nazi agents have filtered into aircraft factories, particularly in California, to organise sabotage.

Sabotage

According to private reports from America, so far, unrevealed, there have been 60 suspicious "accidents" in national defence works since the war started.

These men, these organisations, do not speak for the real America, but the isolationist of the real America is slow to become articulate. Its voice has been choked off in the confusion and doubt of the Foreign Wars, the Gold Star Mothers, past six weeks.

From the fall of France thinking Americans were asking themselves: "Will Britain survive? And if Britain is going to go under, why send her chains, is the Citizens' Keep-America-At-Home Committee."

Can Britain, they asked, stand up to the treatment Goering's Luftwaffe gave Poland, the Low Countries, and reporting directly to German Em-Traffic.

The events have answered one of the questions. The next month or so is being actively pushed by some of the followers of John L. Lewis, the leader of the Congress of Industrial Organisations, by the Communist-controlled American Youth Congress, will begin to be heard.

It is not too much to hope that by that time the voice of real America will begin to be heard.

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"BRITISH TROOPS LANDED" French Colony Report

REPORTS of landings by British troops in French colonies appeared in United States newspapers as coming from French sources.

The reports say that the landings were made in Madagascar and the French Cameroons (Central West Africa).

A British cruiser and a destroyer are said to have put ashore the troops in the Cameroons.

The reports add that the soldiers returned to their ships after being ordered to leave.

The French authorities are now examining the part played by M. Brunon, the French High Commissioner, and especially whether he invited or permitted the landing.

There is no confirmation of these reports in London.

Champagne for woman in prison

PRISON officers have appealed to the Prison Commissioners to increase the staffs of warders, because so many of the existing staffs have to act as waiters and waitresses to Fascist sympathisers detained under the defence regulations.

Leaders of the Prison Officers' Association met in London recently to draft the appeal.

Their members complain of the work they have to do because of the freedom given within the prisons to Fascist sympathisers, who can order from outside caterers any amount of food and drink they like, for themselves and their visitors.

A woman member of the association who is on the staff of Holloway Prison, where many pro-Fascists are detained, reported that a woman inmate received thirty-six bottles of champagne on one day.

Queue of Visitors

This officer added that her job had really become one of being a waitress on the pro-Fascists.

Another complaint was that pro-Fascists are permitted considerable latitude in the number of visitors.

So numerous are their visitors at one prison, it was said, that visitors to other prisoners have to queue up for admission to the limited number of reception rooms.

Mr. W. J. Brown, the civil servants' leader who is principal adviser to the Prison Officers' Association, has sent these allegations to Sir Alexander Maxwell, Permanent Secretary to the Home Office.

DUTCH TRIBUTE Better Spirit, Training, And Machines

Dr. C. E. H. Harloff, commander in Britain of the Royal Dutch Air Force, which is now cooperating with the Home Forces, said that he could see no other result of the air battle than a British victory.

He described the R.A.F. as the most splendid force he had ever seen, and said it was obvious that the superiority of the R.A.F. was not only in the quality of the machines used, but also in the spirit of the British fighting men, which was truly magnificent.

It was apparent to impartial observers (he added) that when the Germans met with too much resistance they turned back to their own aerodromes and jettisoned their bomb cargoes without consideration of objectives.

The reverse was the case with the R.A.F., who tackled the greatest odds with supreme confidence. The British fighting in the air was much superior because of the better training and the spirit displayed.

Dr. Harloff attended a reception in London given by Mr. Paul Rykens, the chairman and directors of the Netherlands Publishing Company, publishers of the Dutch newspaper in London. The reception was in honour of Queen Wilhelmina's birthday.

"But the boys in the shipyards are 'going to it' if ever anyone did," he went on. "It's said over in those blockades—he almost spat in disgust, yards they can build destroyers as well as all bluff. He knows, damned quick as shelling pens."

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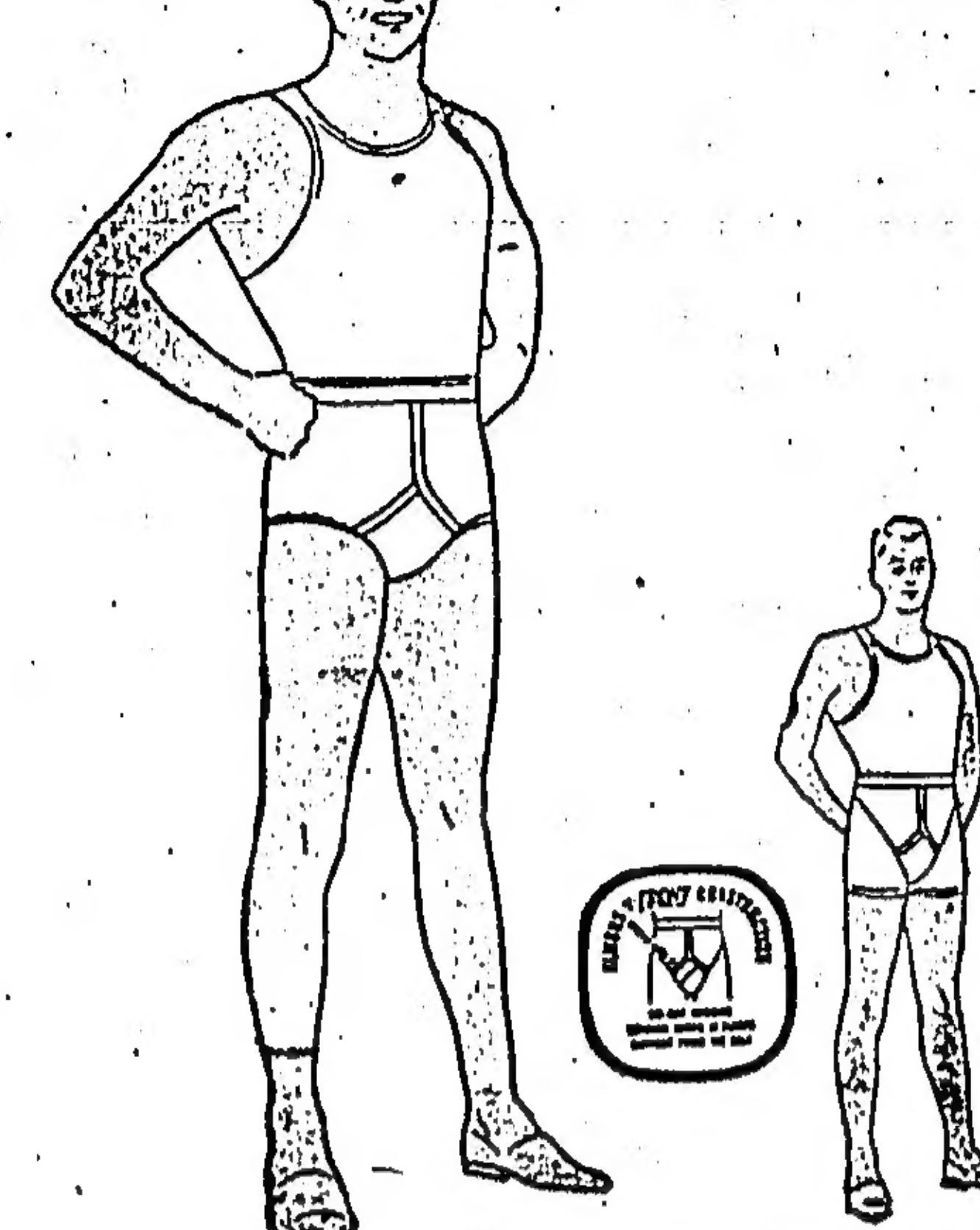
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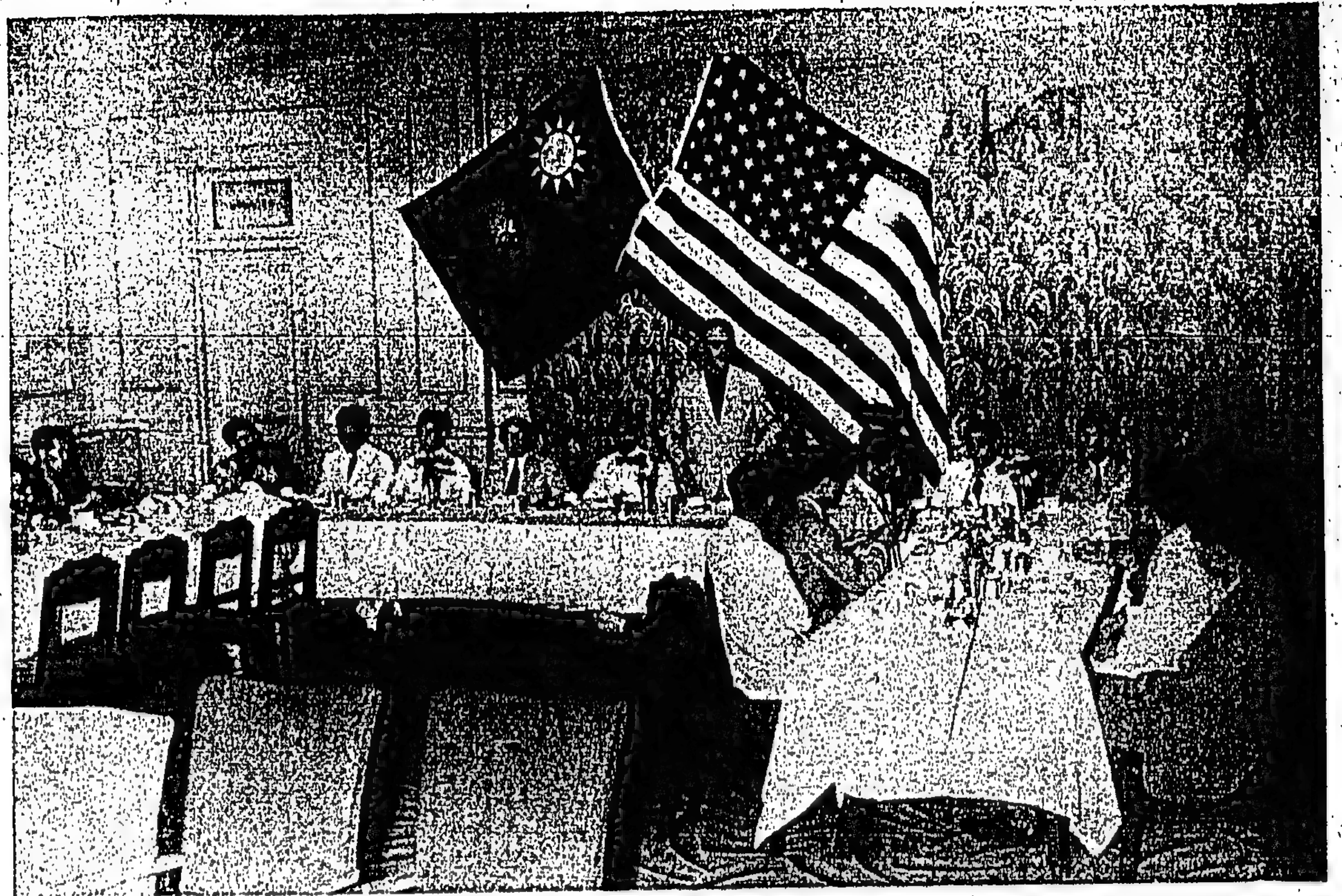
STEWART Mr. James Bryan Stewart was married at Shanghai recently to Miss Janie Grace Weller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Weller of Hongkong University.



CHARITY DANCE RECITAL

Miss Ai-Lien Tai, young Chinese dancer from London gave a dance recital last week at the Peninsula Hotel Rose Room in the China Defence League's concert for war Orphans.

Above is part of the crowd which attended the concert. At the right is Miss Tai in a dramatic pose from "Night Alarm" one of the modern Chinese dances she presented in the recital.—Ming Yuen.

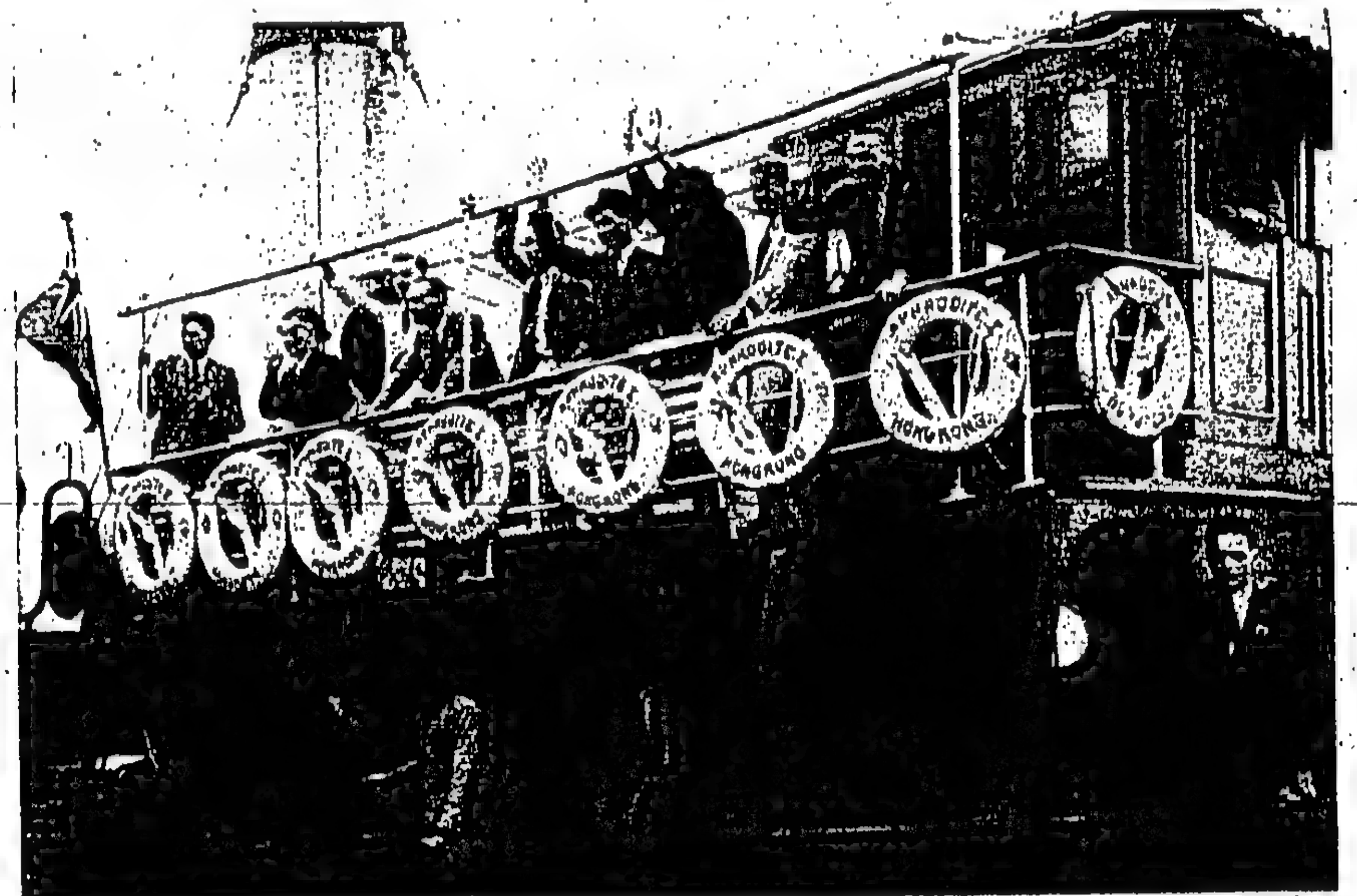


AMERICAN RED CROSS Members of Canton University gave a tea party at the Gloucester Hotel last week-end to visiting members of the American Red Cross.—Ming Yuen.

SHANGHAI JOIN-UP

Nine Britons and an American, the latter the first to volunteer for service with the British forces from the Far East left Shanghai recently for an unknown destination. There was a hearty send-off at the Customs jetty.

Eugene C. Pomeroy Jr., local American newspaperman is on the left of the picture.—Nenchew photo.



AMERICAN RESERVISTS

American naval reservists in Shanghai recently reported for duty on U.S.S. Augusta. Picture shows an interesting international group on the Customs Jetty.

It includes two River Police officers, a Customs Officer and a British sailor. The dog is mascot of British seamen in Shanghai.

The departing reservist is "Doc" Craddock, who has been a member of the river police for seven years.—Nenchew photo.





Three of the spectators at the Happy Valley Races. Miss Ozorio, Miss Guterres, Miss Lopes.—Ming Yuen.

HAPPY VALLEY RACES

The Ninth Extra Race meeting was held at Happy Valley last Saturday. The picture below shows some of the spectators watching the running. In the centre are Mrs. J. E. Horton and Mrs. L. A. Lewis. —Ming Yuen.



WINNER

Thirty Six, winner of the Kwangtung Handicap being led in after the race.—Ming Yuen.



Champion Jockey

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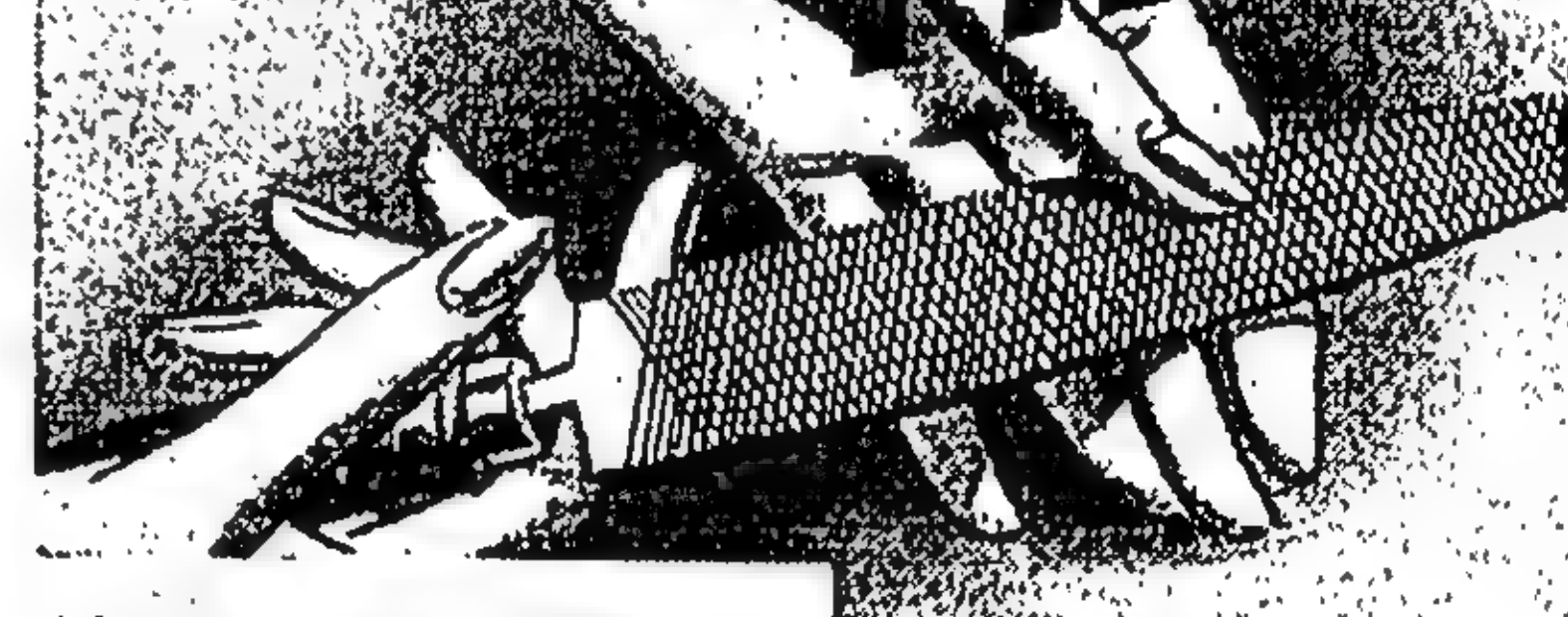
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Three punters at Happy Valley discuss prospects. Ming Yuen.

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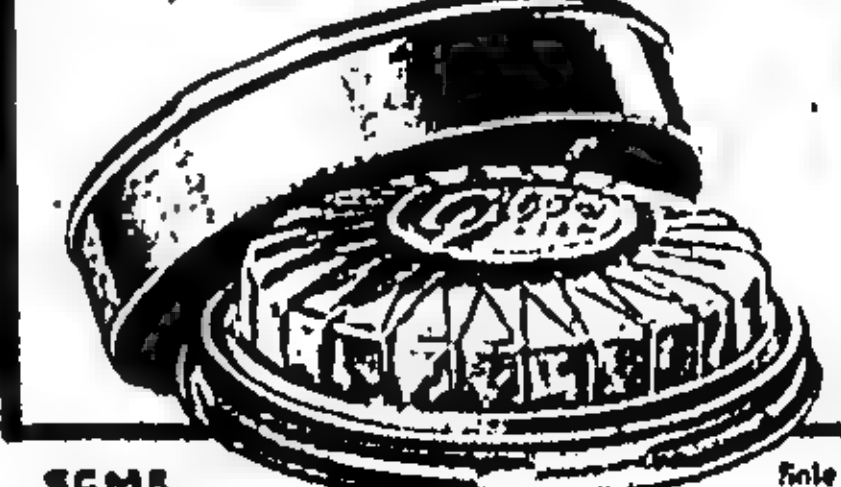
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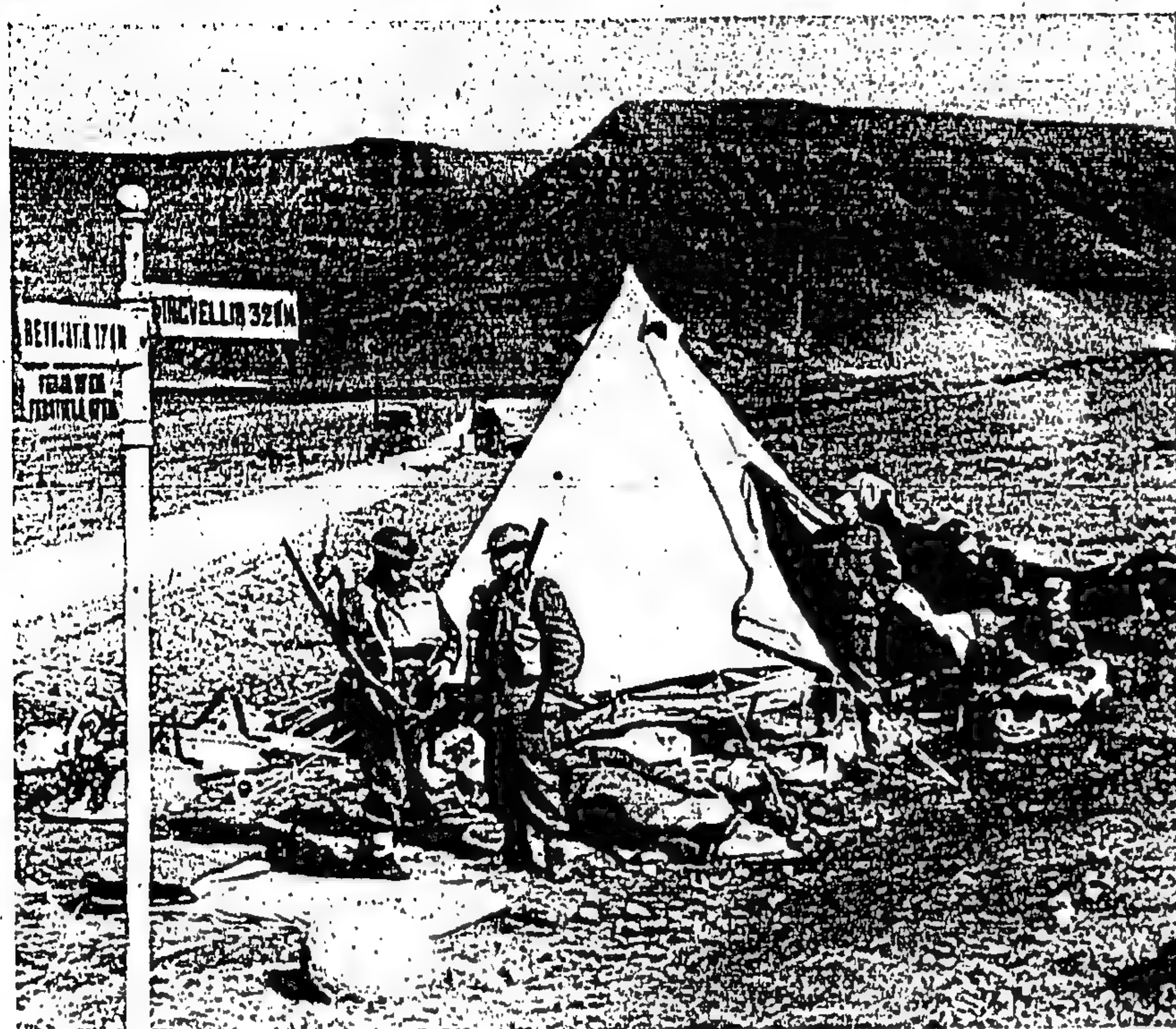
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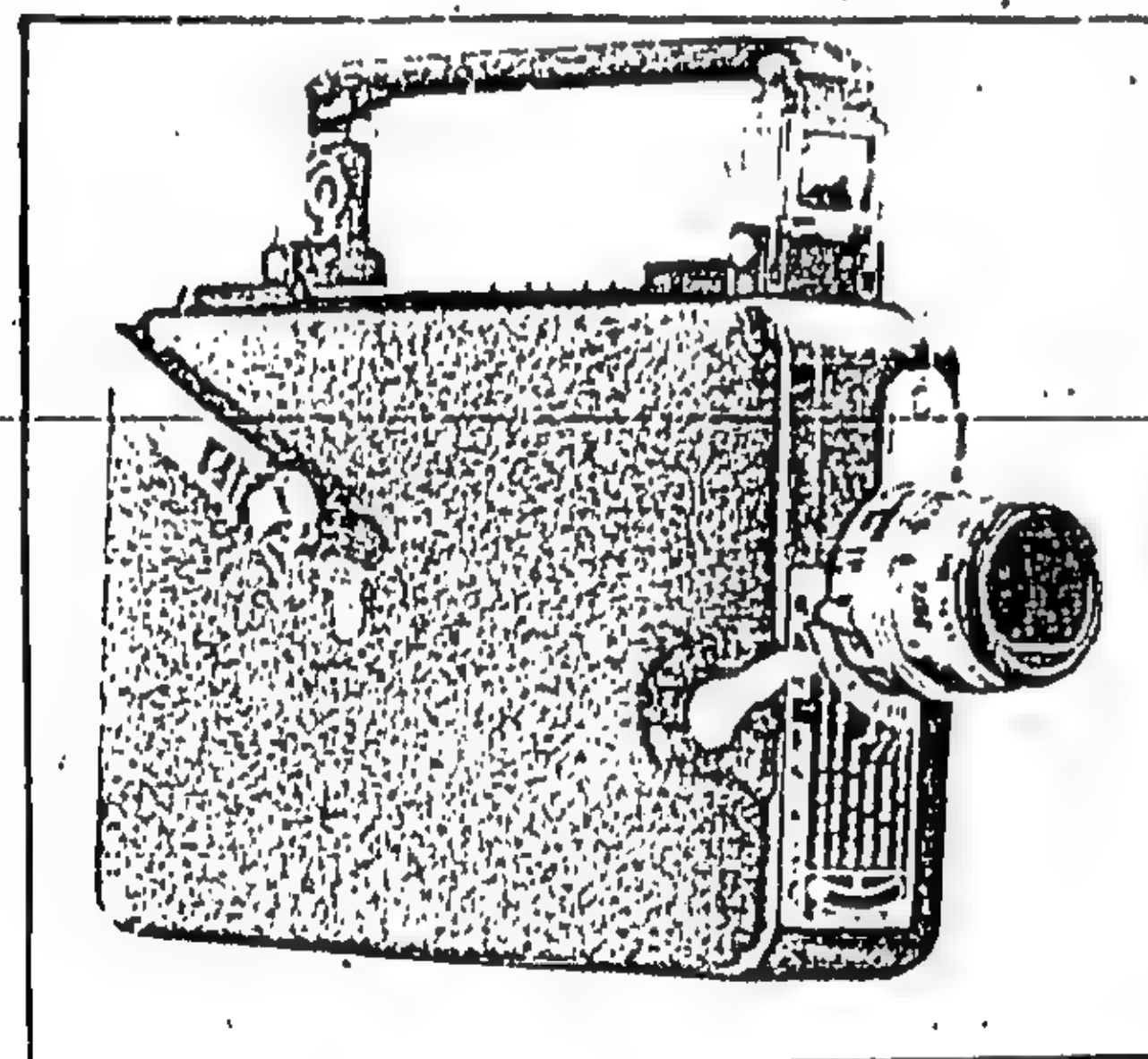
Iceland is one of the strategic points from which Germany might attempt to invade Britain. So as soon as Germany invaded Scandinavia, Britain forestalled the Nazis by occupying the island with British and Canadian troops. This is one of the temporary camps set up soon after landing. Troops now have more comfortable shelters.



SMOKES FOR CANADIANS

Brigadier Page, one of the senior Canadian officers in Iceland handing over for issue to the troops, cigarettes sent by British school-children to this isolated but important garrison post.

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Roads and beaches of Iceland are watched by British troops night and day. Here Canadian soldiers man a Lewis gun at an outpost on one of Iceland's lonely roads.



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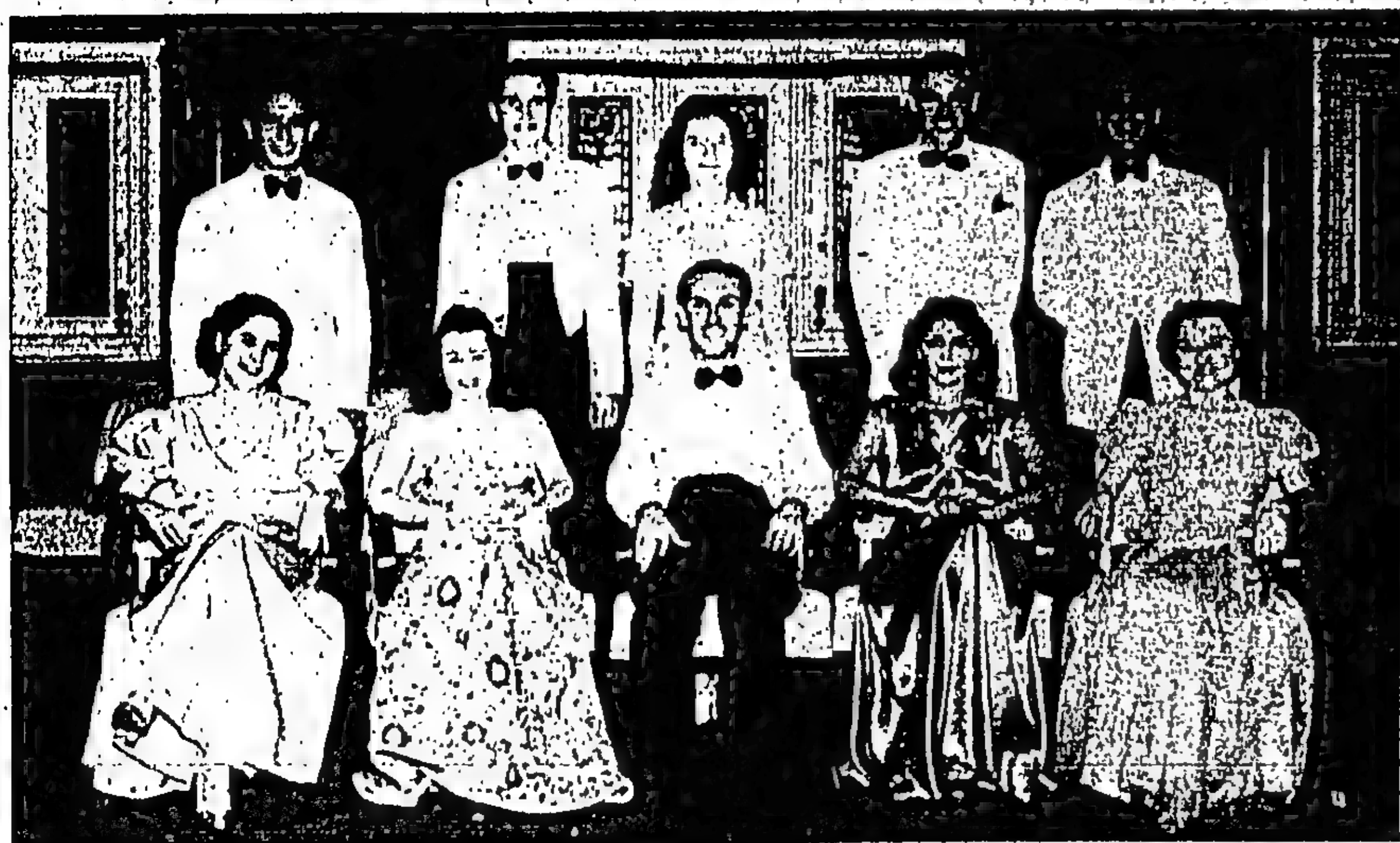
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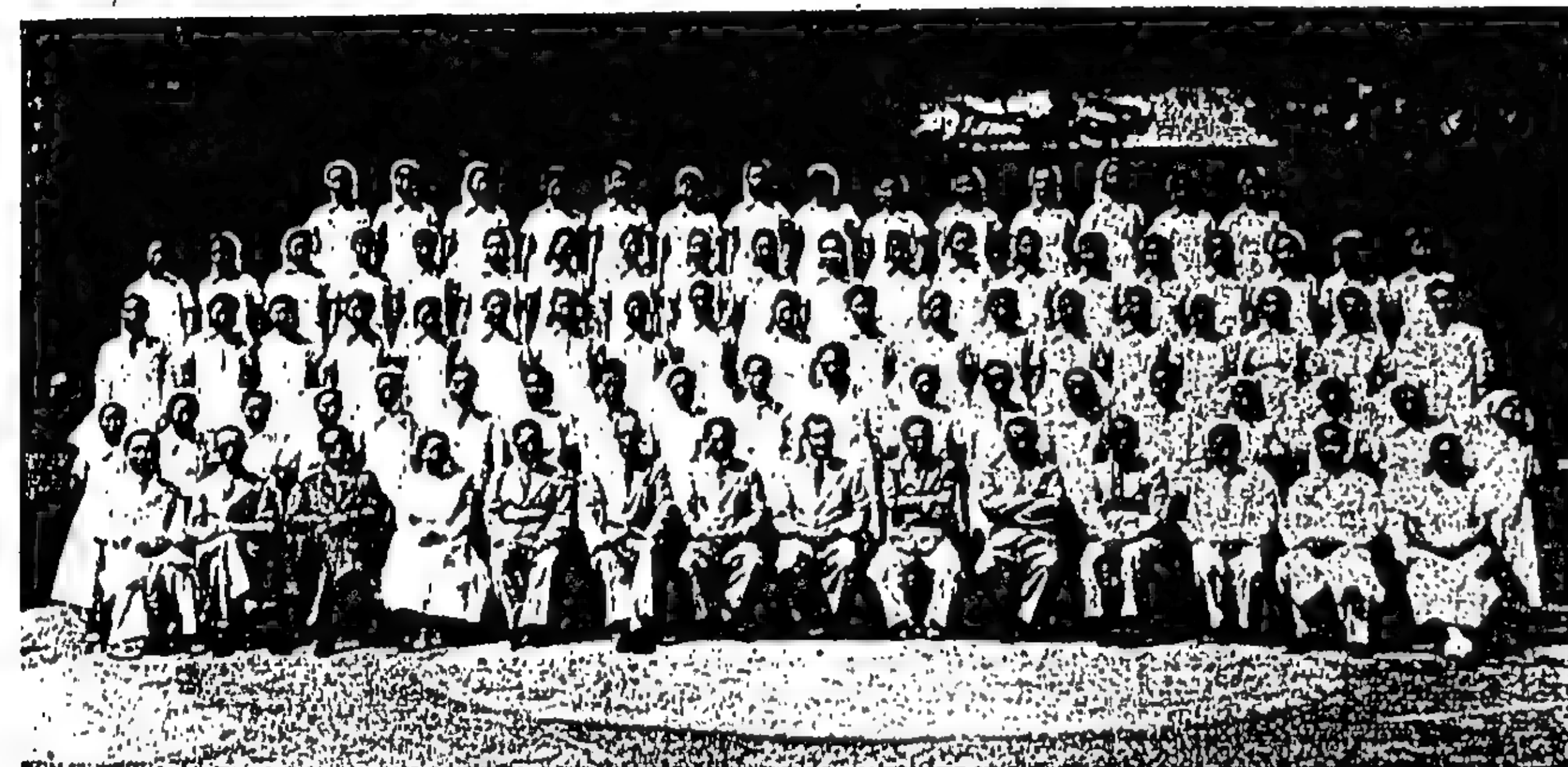
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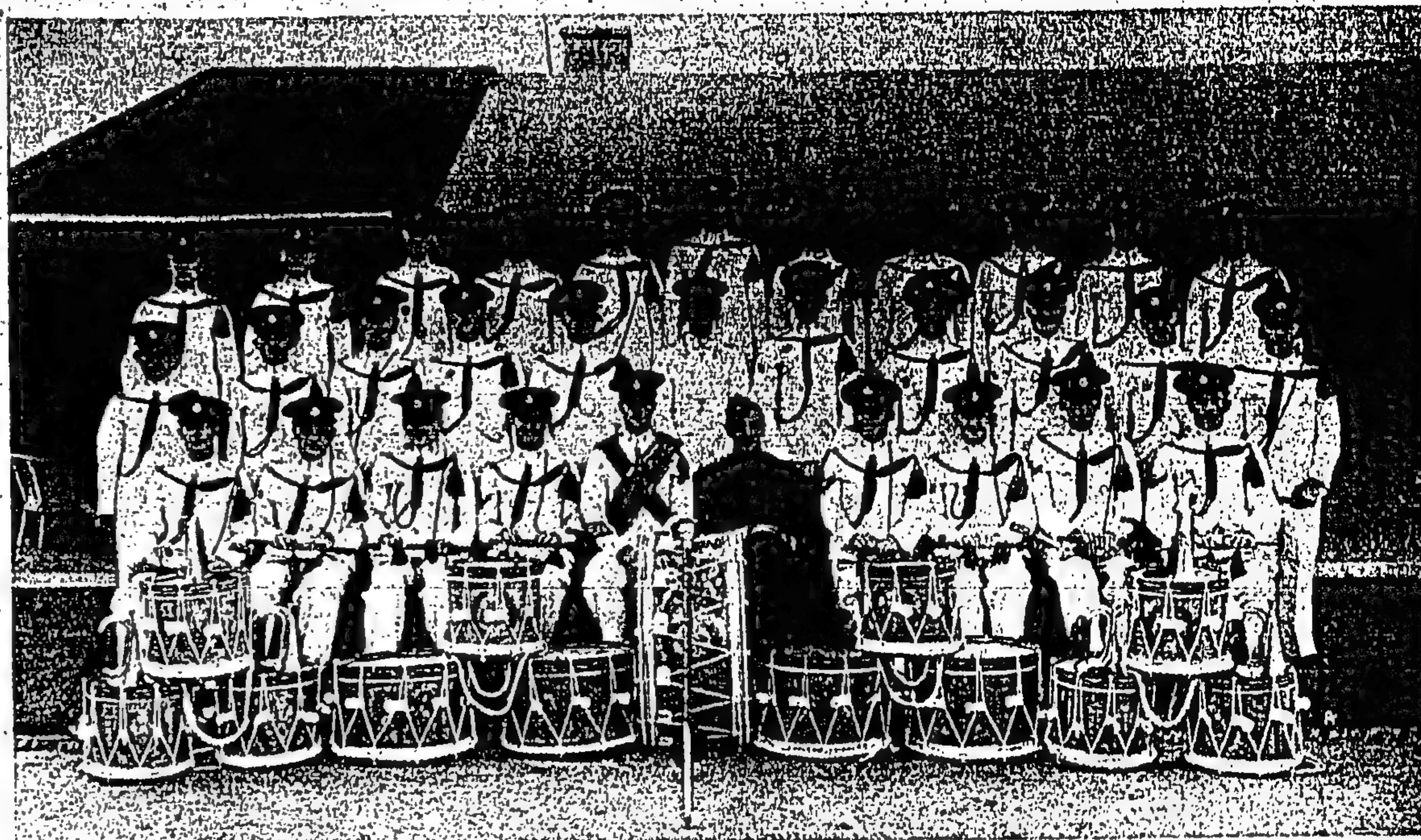
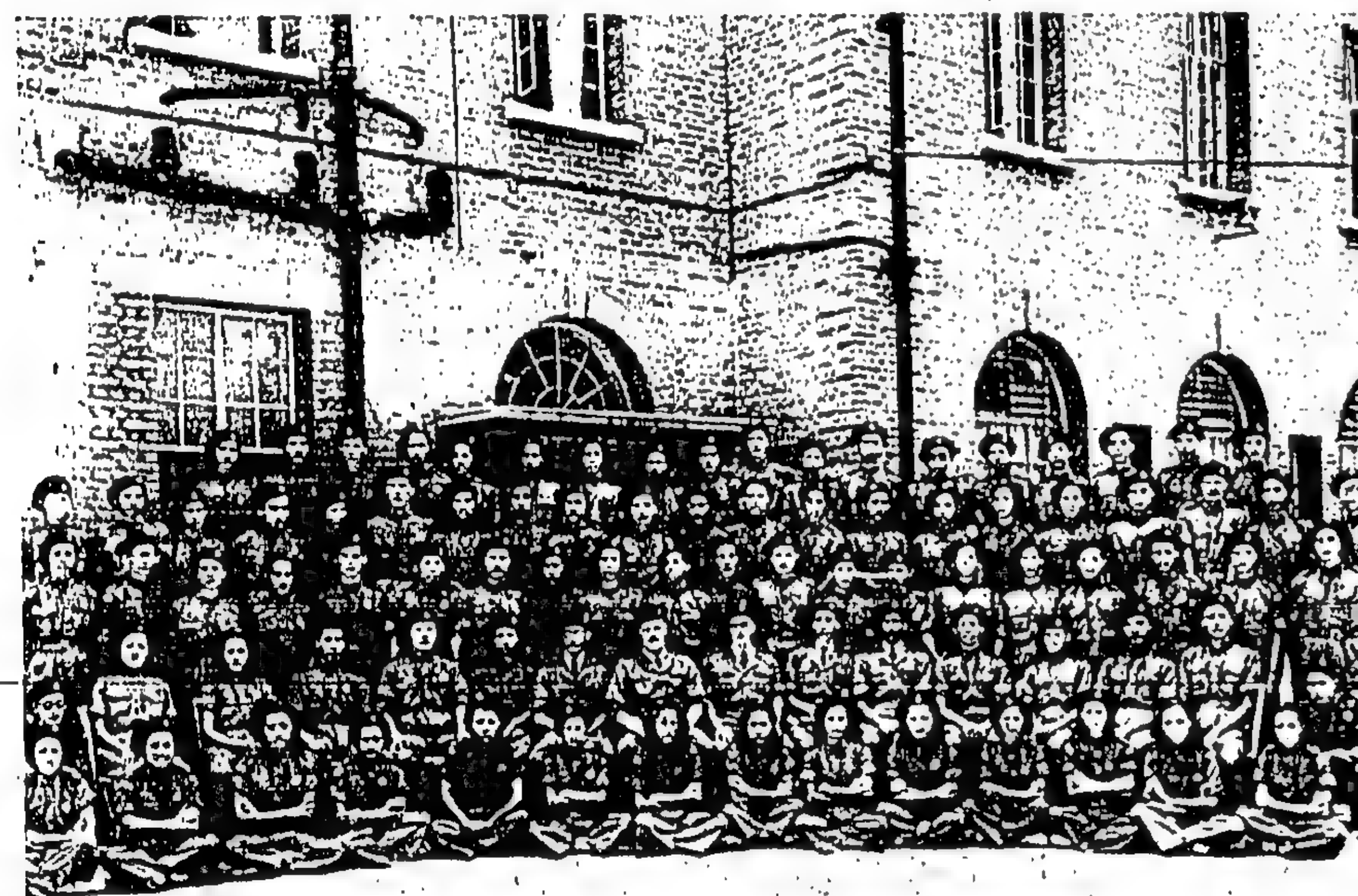
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Group taken at birthday party given recently for George Arnold.—Ming Yuen.



Staff of the Hongkong Sanatorium photographed after the visit to the institution of the Acting Governor, Lieut. General E. F. Norton last week.—Mae Cheung.



Drum Company of the 1st. Batt., the Middlesex Regt. at Shamshupo.—Ming Yuen.



Members of Kowloon and Hongkong Golf Clubs photographed after the annual match at Happy Valley.—Ming Yuen.

SCHOOL TEACHER NEARLY FAILS HIS CLASS

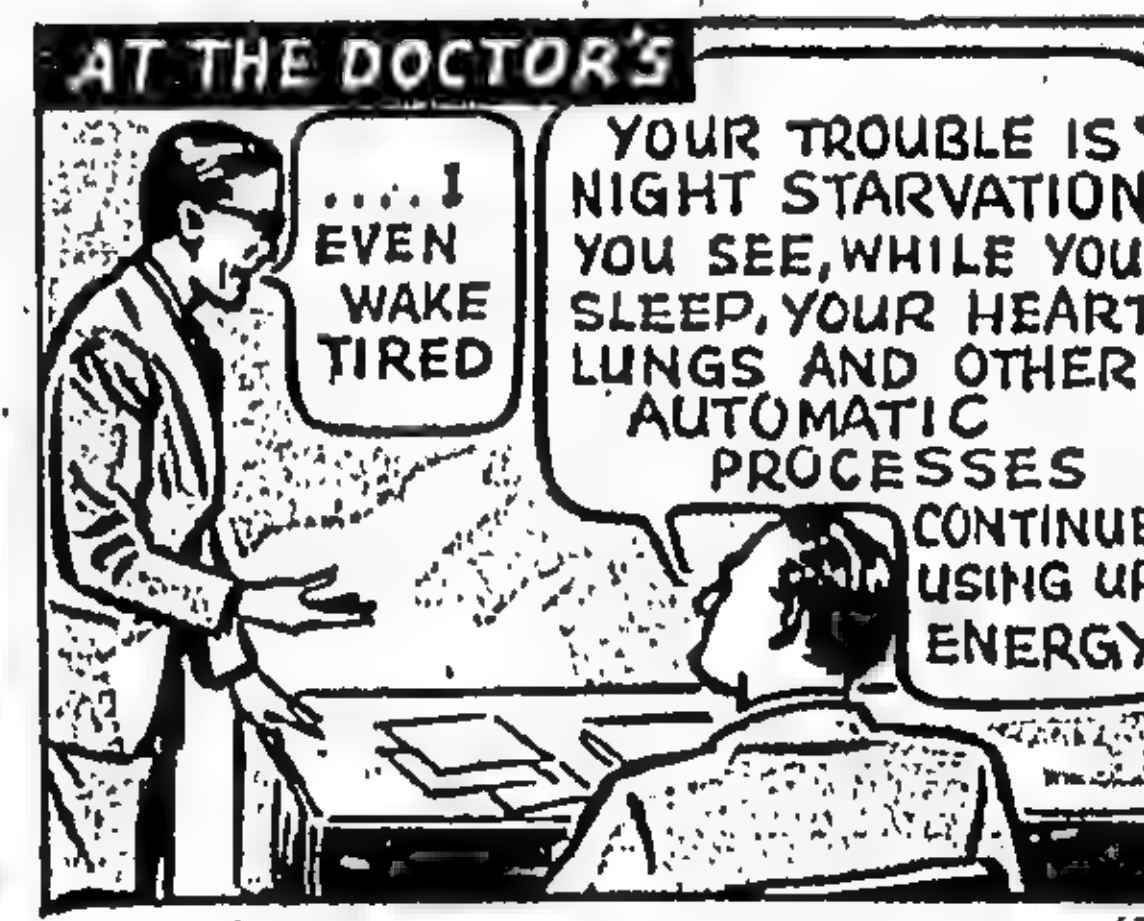


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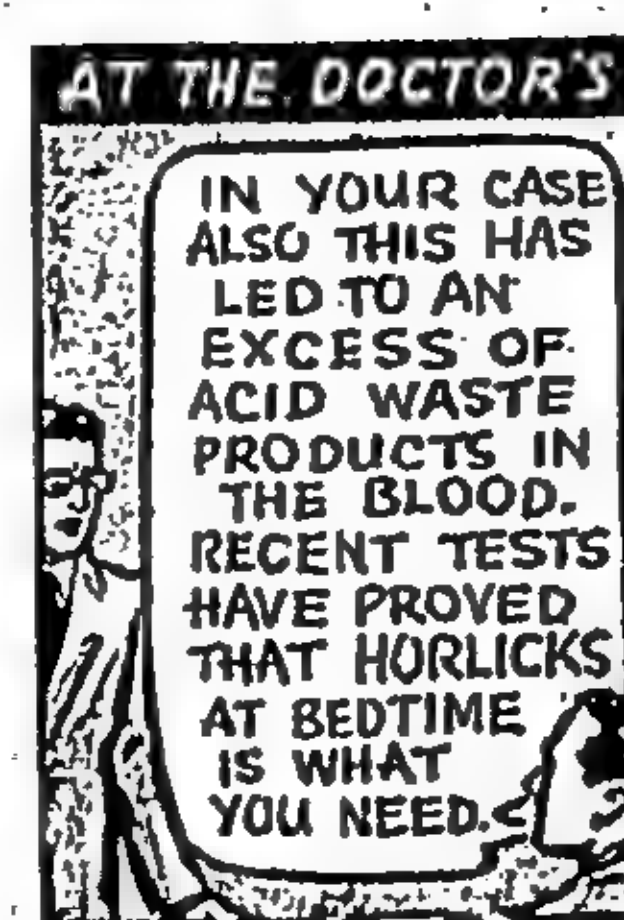
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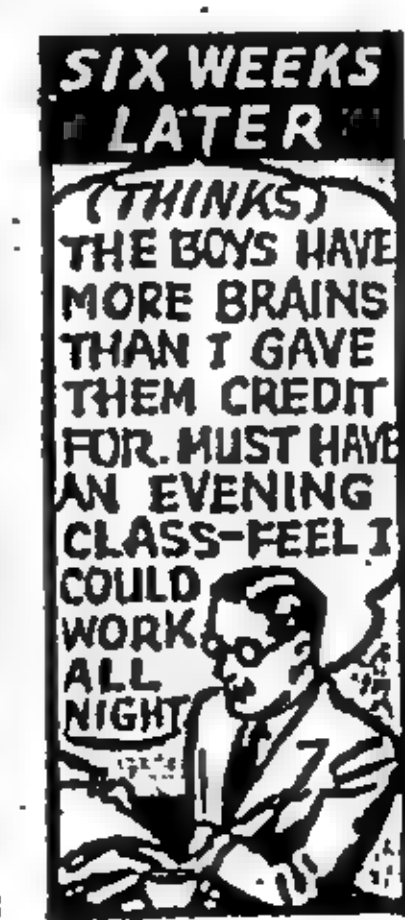


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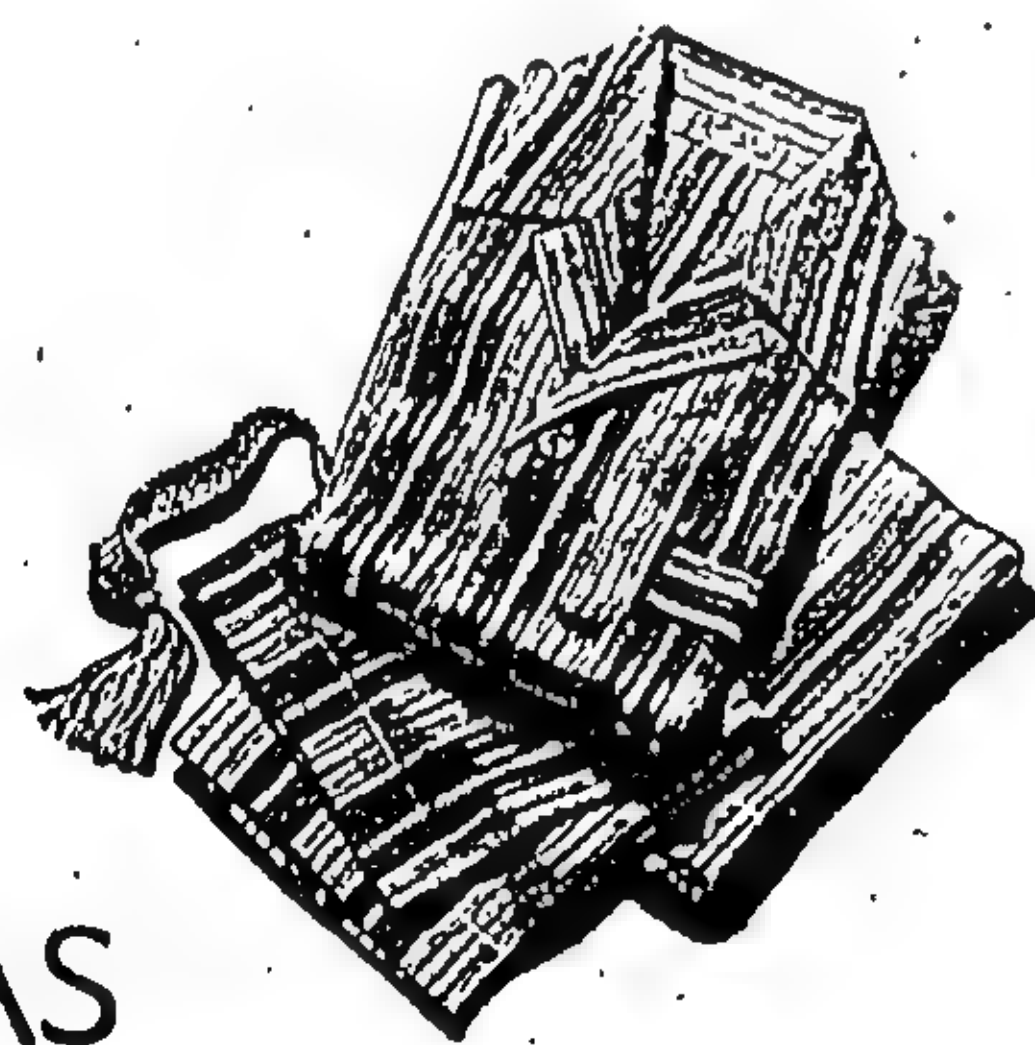


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What next in Africa?

KENYA

is confident

By Ronald Matthews

THE powerful army mustering in Kenya is confident of its ability to repel any Italian thrusts southwards which might follow the withdrawal from British Somaliland.

What is more, should the Italians release troops now in the North for an attack on the Sudan, it is prepared to take offensive action with the object of diverting part of the onslaught from its neighbour.

The force now being built up on the 6,000-foot high green plateau of Kenya, or standing to arms on the arid desert frontier, is an all-African Army. Here, in its headquarters, you can see in the streets uniforms and shoulder badges representing half a dozen British possessions in the African Continent.

A FORMIDABLE FORCE

There are why South African Infantry men and airmen, lean Rhodesians, tough Kenya farmers. There are the black troops of the famous King's African Rifles from the fighting tribes of East Africa, broad-faced Negroes from the steaming Gold Coast, muscular Hausas from Nigeria's grassy uplands with fluffy bush hats and bare feet.

At the wheels of army cars and ash-tray dispatch-carrying motorcycles are smiling white girls from the whole length of the Continent who have rallied to Africa's A.T.S.

It is a formidable force; the firepower of the South African Infantry units is among the highest in the world.

But it is essential that the difficulties confronting it should not be minimised. From Kenya's railroad at Nairobi to the nearest point on the Kenya frontier is a distance of 400 miles over roads which at home would not be dignified with the title of cart tracks.

500 MILES FRONTIER

And on these must be carried in bucketing lorries all the huge supplies of munitions, petrol and food necessary for a modern army.

Then, too, the front itself is well over 500 miles long, and the Italians, who have spent a fortune on building interior lines and strategic roads, have all the advantage in switching troops from one point to another.

The country in which fighting—mainly confined to desultory patrol action—is now proceeding is a broad trench of low-lying desert crossing between the lofty plateaux of Kenya and Abyssinia. Thorn bush, sometimes 20 feet high, rises from the burning sand, and the only points of strategic interest in this wild waste are the rare wells.

The 30-odd miles wide strip of territory which the Italians gained in front of Moyale is, in fact, of little use to anyone, and it was never intended even before the War to try to hold the town.

But Britain must be growing tired of explanations that withdrawals on the Kenya-Sudan front have been all according to plan.

So it should be pointed out that the weakness of the position here at the beginning of the war with Italy is due almost entirely to the British

Government's desire not to provoke Italy.

To avoid such provocation the authorities here were refused reinforcements, and this policy meant that the valiant garrison of Moyale was left with comparatively speaking, wooden swords to face the overwhelming Italian onslaught.

NEW PRESTIGE

Although much valuable time and

—LIBYA'S Dilemma

By F. G. H. Salusbury

AFTER the evacuation of British Somaliland, Italy's attack on Egypt from Libya is brought a step closer. It may be expected at any moment when the weather is appreciably cooler.

Egypt is Mussolini's main objective. The Italian capture of British Somaliland cannot be of any material benefit, and was designed purely to intimidate the Abyssinians, who are being troublesome to their new rulers, particularly in the region of Lake Tsana.

The capture of Egypt would, of course, give the Italians complete control of the Eastern Mediterranean, and thus cut our closest link with India.

Our own strategy in the Near East is at present necessarily be a mixture of intensive preparation and aircraft of all kinds, including 190 of sporadic attacks on ground forces, modern bombers and 120 modern fighters. Incidentally, our Gladiator, with its suppleness and fine attack on Egypt.

Combative critics sometimes forget

a certain amount of prestige in manoeuvrability, has shown itself in manœuvrability, has shown itself in manœuvrability, has shown itself in manœuvrability.

This number—530—is easily reinforced by more formidable weapons. This number—530—is easily reinforced by more formidable weapons.

Ground forces in Libya amount to 250,000 white troops of all arms and some 30,000 native troops.

Italian aircraft in the Dodecanese Islands, a central point for any operation, consist of 20 bombers and 30 fighters; and there are 170, of which perhaps a quarter are fighters, in Abyssinia and Italian Somaliland, where the ground troops amount to 200,000, again including native levies.

The local conditions for a campaign on the Egyptian frontier are the hardest imaginable, owing to the absence of water, the heat, and the soft, shifting sand which is raised in dust by any wind exceeding 10 m.p.h.

An Italian advancing force would find no water for 150 miles east of the frontier into Egypt—that is, half-way to Cairo. It was a disaster for them when we cut the water pipeline to Capuzzo; and the more reinforcements which arrive from Italy the more complicated becomes the problem of water.

Already the garrison at Bardia is on a ration of two litres a day for all purposes, while the British, across the frontier have four litres a day for drinking only.

Water has to be transported. The transport needs petrol. The petrol needs yet more transport. And all transport as well as aircraft has to cope with the problem of dust which, mixing with oil, produces a paste which has devastating effects on mechanical bearings.

The tanks which bodies of troops would present in such circumstances—their supply columns out of all proportion to normal needs—can be imagined as easily as they could be hit by our concentrated fighter forces.

There may be further Italian efforts in East Africa, but our task fighters. Incidentally, our Gladiator, with its suppleness and fine attack on Egypt.

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Attacking Barrage Balloons

NAZI warplanes are attacking

balloon barrages round the coast. It used to be a favourite theory of some aerial strategists that as soon as a large scale offensive on Britain started an advance force of enemy fighters would precede the main attack, and just shoot down all the barrage balloons.

Time has proved that balloons are not such an easy target as they were thought to be. Our experience with this type of defence goes back a long way. Balloons were placed round the steel factories near Nancy early in 1917, and the first barrage in Britain was tried out at Barking not long afterwards.

In those cases a horizontal cable connected the balloons, which were moored at about 7000 feet. From this cable was suspended a network of vertical wires intended to snare enemy aircraft. Several planes were brought down over London by this device.

The value of the modern barrage as a defence is real and should not be regarded, as it is by some people, as having mostly a moral effect on the enemy.

Although the height to which the balloons can be taken is an official secret, it is not likely to reach the ceiling of a modern bomber. Therefore, some people argue a barrage of large V-shaped diverting device in Britain to-day is full of pili-

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NORTH AMERICA

By Thomas A. Dozier
United Press Staff
Correspondent

The United States Canadian Joint Defence Board has turned its attention to the defence of the Pacific Coast of North America against possible threats from the Far East.

Canadian and United States members of the Joint board, composed of military, air, and naval experts and civilian representatives, arrived recently on the United States west coast to inspect military establishments, and naval and air bases of the United States.

The visit of the board to the United States and Canadian Pacific Coast defence centres caused renewed speculation that the two-nation defence talks may have a far-reaching influence on the critical situation in the Far East.

It has been reported on good authority that discussions are under way among members of the Board for co-operative use by the United States and Canada of Canadian and American bases on the west coast, and for the possible expansion of some of these bases.

It was said here that the United States is not seeking to lease Canadian bases, but rather to obtain the right to use such bases on a co-operative basis with the Dominion forces.

Informed military observers believed the United States-Canadian discussions on Pacific defence coupled with current discussions between representatives of Australia, New Zealand and the United States are definitely a part of the programme of stiffening United States resistance to Japanese expansion in the Far East.

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They pointed out that collaboration with Canada in the use of Canadian Pacific Coast bases would strengthen the United States Pacific defence line, extending from Alaska on the north to the Hawaiian Islands in the Pacific and back to the Panama Canal.

Thus, with bases on the Canadian coast, virtually the entire western side of the North American continent would be afforded protection against any attack from the Far East.

A recent report of the influential foreign policy association regarding the Ogdensburg, N.Y. conference between Mr. Roosevelt and the Canadian Prime Minister said:

"The powers of the joint board are so far-reaching that the Ogdens-

burg Conference (between Mr. Roosevelt and the Canadian Prime Minister) seems destined to go down as one of the historic moments in both British Empire relations and American diplomacy.

"The Canadian - United States defence discussions, moreover, took place simultaneously with negotiations between Great Britain and the United States concerning the acquisition of naval and air bases in British possessions in the Western Hemisphere, and the transfer of 60 over age destroyers to aid in the defence of the British Isles.

"Defence co-operation will create many new and difficult problems in the rela-

tions of Canada and the United States, which have developed increasingly close ties in recent years. The joint board marks a novel step in American policy, involving an agreement between a neutral and a belligerent.

"The measure is equally unprecedented in British Empire affairs, in that it brings a dominion into the orbit of Western Hemisphere diplomacy. It raises the larger issue of Canadian-U.S. collaboration in general foreign policy during and after this war, for the United States is now intimately involved in the affairs of the British Commonwealth, and the extent to which Washington must assume responsibility for policies adopted in Ottawa and London.

"In case of a British defeat, Canada—the only independent nation in the Western Hemisphere now at war with Germany and Italy—would have to make

GETS TOGETHER

vital decisions regarding its future. It is conceivable that the King and British Government might desire to take refuge in Ottawa in order to continue the war 'from the periphery.'

"Canada would then have to decide whether to become the centre of the British Empire and join with the other dominions in seeking to rescue Britain—a decision which necessarily would be affected to a large extent by the attitude of the United States.

"In case of a British victory or a prolonged stalemate, on the other hand, Canada's position in the British Commonwealth will probably be greatly enhanced."

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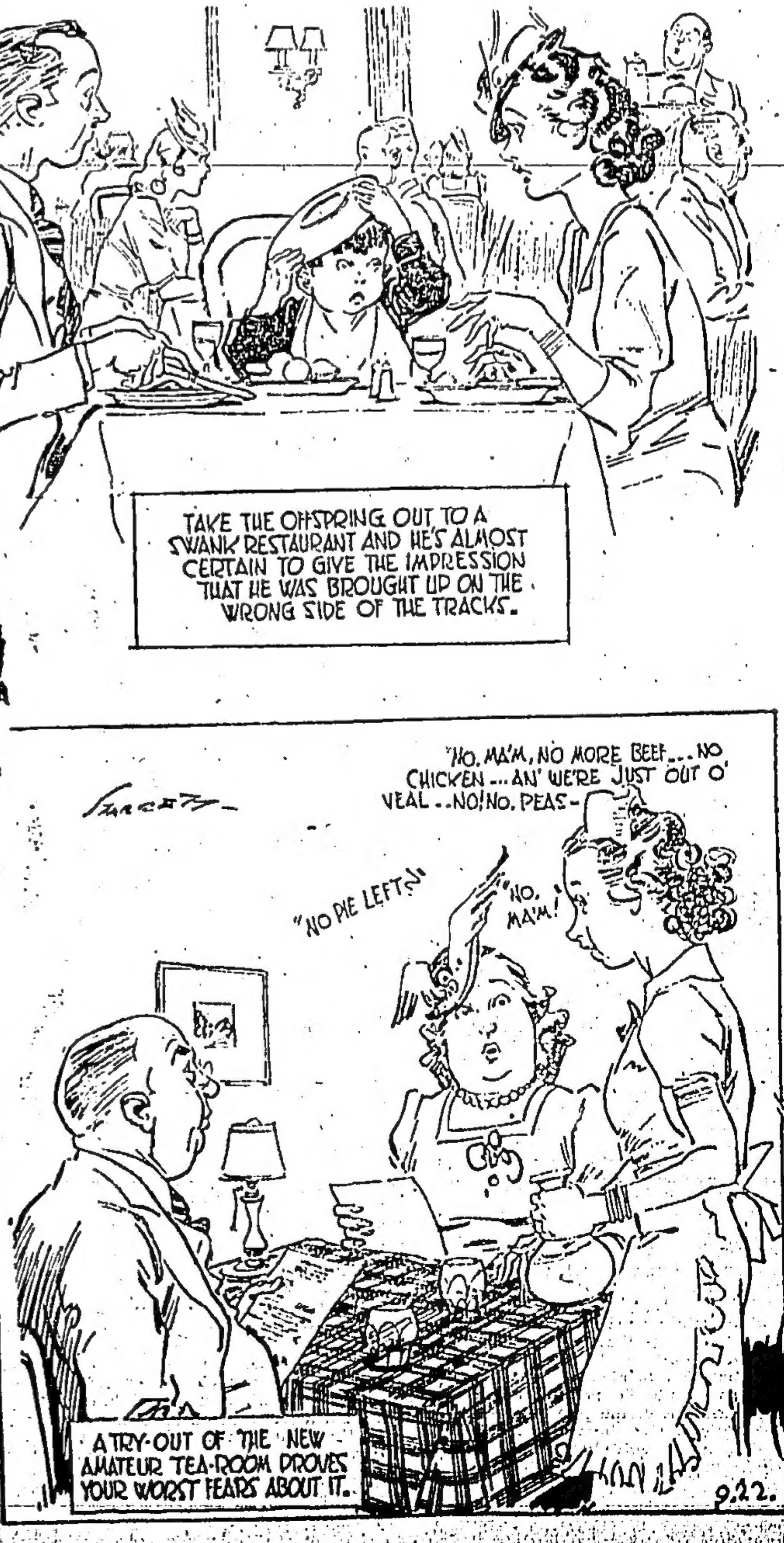
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VIGNETTES OF LIFE

Dining Out

BY KEMP STARRETT



LONDON'S 'SUICIDE' SQUAD

By Mollie McGee
United Press Staff Correspondent

Lieut. Robert Davies, head of the "suicide squad" that saved St. Paul's Cathedral from destruction by removing a time-bomb that fell nearby typifies the British spirit under mass bombing attacks.

Lieut. Davies, who lived in Canada for several years, told me that the motto of his squad was "frustrate their (the Nazis) knavish tricks" and that they got a "kick out of doing so."

I caught up with the lieutenant, with whom I had an appointment at a police station, just as he was rushing from the station in a car. He saw me and shouted: "I can't wait. There's a bomb on so-and-so street in so-and-so borough."

The only sign showing the dangerous work the squad performs is a placard saying "bomb disposal" crudely hand-lettered on the car in black pencil and red crayon.

The car they use is nearly the fastest thing in London just now, and all policemen know Lieut. Davies and give every assistance to him and his squad.

I caught up with him again at a spot where four blocks of tiny workers' houses had been evacuated because of the presence of time-bombs. Anxious people pressed against ropes a hundred yards from the threatened area, awaiting the fate of their homes. Some cheered as

the tough-looking, grimy, battle-dress-clad bomb squad under Lieut. Davies arrived.

Davies cleared the whole area around the bomb-hole and snapped out orders to his squad, who immediately sprang into action. The procedure used by the squad is a secret.

When the bomb was made ready for explosion, Davies drove the car, carrying a red flag, within 20 yards of the bomb hole, and shouted to the rest of the squad: "Get out." The squad sped away; and Davies, after a final inspection, retreated, too, and shouted: "Okay, boys."

After a few minutes, the bomb exploded, sending large quantities of sand into the air. I asked one member of the squad whether Davies ever showed any signs that he appreciated the danger he was continually facing, and he replied: "Nerves? Him? He's got none. He always goes down the hole first."

Davies after seeing that everything was in order, told me that he "got the biggest thrill by preventing damage."

"In the ordinary way, this bomb might have blown the most part of these four blocks flat," he said. "As it was, it only broke a few windows. Our motto is 'frustrate their knavish tricks' and we get a real kick from doing so."

As I stood talking to Davies, children went down into the cavity caused by the bomb,

brought out bits of the bomb and handed them to him. Davies solemnly and politely thanked each child.

"I regard myself as the father of my flock (the squad) and every possible precaution is taken to prevent injuries to them," Davies said. "Some of them are young and likely to take risks."

Davies told me this quite seriously, as though he never took any risks himself.

He admitted that his wife did not know how dangerous the job really was.

"Anyway," he said, "I carry a rabbit's foot. I have done so for years, and I hold it close."

Mrs. Davies, however, is proud of her husband.

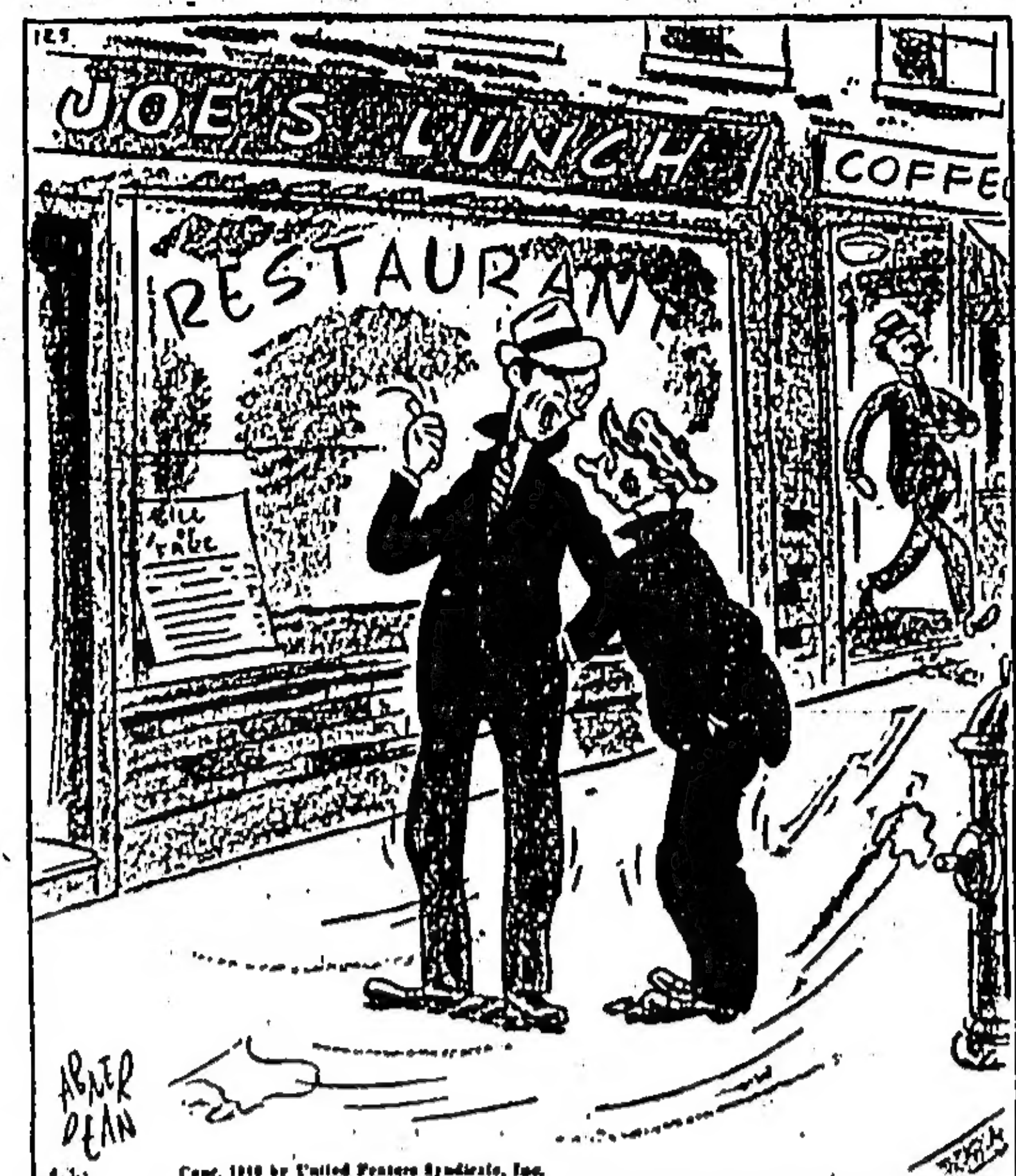
"During the last few weeks he has done a lot of things which are not mentioned, but which have been almost as praiseworthy as the St. Paul's Cathedral job," she said. "He thinks the world of the fellows who work with him, and when he was on leave, he told me, he had never known a finer set."

Davies told me that he came to England from St. Catharines, Ont., in 1928 because of his wife's health, and then went to Nigeria, where he was a public works engineer.

"I returned to England four years ago and had my training with the officers emergency reserve," he added. "My greatest thrill is driving right through traffic with more right of way than even a firetruck."

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



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America Now Makes Its Own Rubber

By Bernard Grandell
United Press Staff Correspondent

Volume production of a newly-discovered synthetic rubber expected to play an important part in making the United States independent of natural rubber sources, can be started as soon as needed, research, chemists reported recently at the opening session of the 100th American Chemical Society meeting.

The New product, called "Butyl Rubber" was said to be more elastic, age-resisting and stronger than natural rubber. It was described as colourless and odourless. Manufacture from petroleum by a simpler process than used to produce earlier synthetic rubbers was described.

In the first technical report on butyl, Dr. Per K. Frolich, director of the chemical division of Esso Laboratories, Elizabeth, N.J., said it could be manufactured in any quantity as soon as factories were erected. Tests to determine the suitability for butyl rubber in automobile tires still were in progress, Frolich said, although it already has been found to have good tear and abrasion resistance and "remarkable stability and durability."

The natural rubber molecule is highly unsaturated and is chemically reactive even after being combined with sulphur required in the vulcanisation process, Frolich explained, while the butyl molecule becomes saturated with vulcanisation. This makes it resistant to oxygen in the air and mineral acids, natural rubber's deadliest enemies.

"Aside from its practical value the discovery of the butyl rubber process will have far reaching theoretical consequences," he said. "It will automatically eliminate many speculative theories concerning the factors contributing to rubber-like properties."

Frolich said the new process climaxed 10 years work by the Standard Oil Development Company and that U.S. military authorities had been informed of the progress. The Army and Navy Munitions Board requested Standard to test Butyl's tire-making possibilities when the future supply of natural rubber was threatened, he said.

Another important report before the convention was a new chemical method of supplying large quantities of heavy sulphur, which now costs \$1,500 an ounce. Heavy sulphur is used in experiments on metabolism of organisms in which sulphur is a necessity for life. It also can be used to analyze compounds which cannot be analyzed by ordinary methods.

Production methods for heavy sulphur were found under the direction of Prof. Harold C. Urey, head of the Department of Chemistry at Columbia University and winner of a Nobel prize for his discovery of heavy hydrogen.

Heavy sulphur is chemically indistinguishable from the common variety but weighs 1/10 more. Its atoms can be "tagged" at the beginning of an experiment, traced through the reaction and identified in the end products by mass spectrograph analysis.



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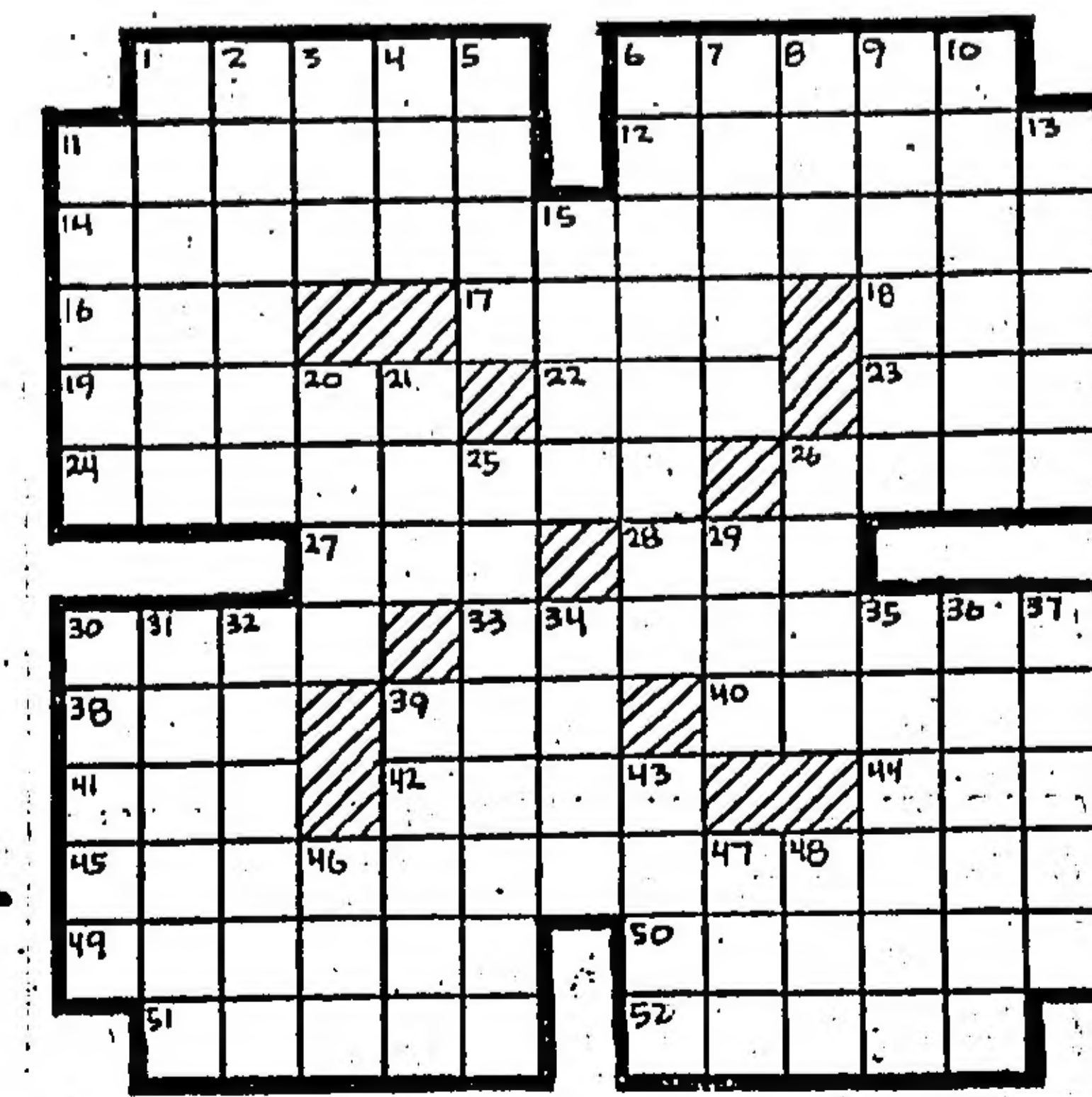


"You scarcely know you're wearing it!"

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS	ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE	DOWN
1—Dish of green vegetables	JOE'S LUNCH RESTAURANT	1—Dish of green vegetables
2—Small bird	COFFEE	2—Small bird
3—Parcel of land	RESTAURANT	3—Parcel of land
4—Friend (French)	COFFEE	4—Friend (French)
5—Draw back	RESTAURANT	5—Draw back
6—Pay high honor to	COFFEE	6—Pay high honor to
7—Tried in opinion	RESTAURANT	7—Tried in opinion
8—Judicial examination	COFFEE	8—Judicial examination
9—Twining branch disposed to take root	RESTAURANT	9—Twining branch disposed to take root
10—Shore-bird	COFFEE	10—Shore-bird
11—Particle	RESTAURANT	11—Particle
12—Toothed wheel	COFFEE	12—Toothed wheel
13—Workless leaving	RESTAURANT	13—Workless leaving
14—Arms extended toward relatives	COFFEE	14—Arms extended toward relatives
15—In the beginning (poetic)	RESTAURANT	15—In the beginning (poetic)
16—Residence (abbr.)	COFFEE	16—Residence (abbr.)
17—Commence	RESTAURANT	17—Commence
18—Carnivorous mammal of Asia	COFFEE	18—Carnivorous mammal of Asia
19—Genus of thorny shrubs	RESTAURANT	19—Genus of thorny shrubs
20—Little island	COFFEE	20—Little island
21—East Indian matting	RESTAURANT	21—East Indian matting
22—Portuguese	COFFEE	22—Portuguese
23—Allows to use temporarily	RESTAURANT	23—Allows to use temporarily
24—Kind of tree	COFFEE	24—Kind of tree
25—Are compelled to	RESTAURANT	25—Are compelled to
26—Entire	COFFEE	26—Entire
27—Narrative poem	RESTAURANT	27—Narrative poem
28—Poisonous viper	COFFEE	28—Poisonous viper



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CURRENT COMMENT... By Scrutineer

The ninety-nine year lease of the naval and air bases to the United States on the various islands of the West Indies, ought to improve very considerably the economic position of the islands.

There will be a greatly increased demand for local labour of all kinds, there will be also an increase in the number of businesses to supply the needs of the personnel of the new establishments. Capital charges for the construction and the expenses for the maintenance of the bases will be borne by the American people.

The American naval and air forces will be bringing money into the islands and not competing with the inhabitants in their various occupations.

In that sense they are in the same position as tourists except that they are always there adding to the store of local wealth. Wages will increase and the standard of living will rise appreciably. Places like Hongkong, Malta and Singapore benefit in this way because of the considerable sums the Imperial government pour into these areas. Naval, military and air bases are therefore splendid financial assets. They also furnish guarantees to merchants and landowners that the islands will be strongly held.

The evacuation of British and American citizens from the Far East must be causing a great deal of anxiety in Japan.

So long as activity was confined to diplomatic channels, and so long as notes only were exchanged the Japanese were easily led to believe that all was well, especially in view of the fact that whenever action did take place, it involved a retreat on the part of the British and the Americans, and the advance of the Japanese.

These recent orders of evacuation, however, indicate that a new order in Asia is in process of being arising. It looks like clearing the air. Such facts must obviously bewilder the people of Japan who already have endured three years of war and are in no fit condition to stand a heavier strain.

Success even on a small scale, together with freedom from fear of invasion, blurs the vision of Japanese statesmen and leads them on to further adventures.

Instead of realising that the concessions made were for the purpose of appeasement, Japan came to believe that they were a tribute to her strength and that it only needed the triplicate pact to render her impregnable. She was under the impression that America would, in no circumstances, resort to war, and that if there were any suggestion of that kind, the signed pact would frighten her off. It is extraordinary how far self-deception can go.

It is no wonder that the Konoike Cabinet is likely to undergo a change. There must be some liberal minded statesmen in Japan, who see the perilous course which Konoike has been steering. The Privy Council in Tokyo deliberated over the pact business for twelve and a half hours before it arrived at its fatal decision. It looks as though there were some who doubted the wisdom of the course adopted.

There must be many more now. Instead of proving to be the climax of success for Japanese diplomacy, it proved to be the breaking point of American toleration of the present situation in the Far East. It was the one thing needed to rouse America which promptly accepted the challenge and put her embargoes on the war material essential to Japan and then proceeded to evacuate her nationals in order to prove her intention of proceeding to extremes unless the Japanese policy was reversed.

There is still hope that Japan will realise that this pact was ill conceived and was brought to birth at a most inopportune moment. As it is a time of stress for the national family, infanticide is permissible with regard to it. The German father should be expelled from the country for his

complete lack of foresight and want of restraint.

But there is another angle from which Japanese policy may be viewed. The desire to make peace with China has always been very strong in Japan, but it seems to have become a matter of urgency now.

The failure of the Japanese army to make any real headway during the past two years has naturally created a bad impression and has done a great deal to lessen its influence in the nation's Councils.

The numerous bombings of Chungking and now of Kunning are evidence not of military prowess so much as of frustration. They prove more than anything else the capacity of the Chinese to maintain the struggle and the failure of the Japanese to finish it off successfully.

A suitable excuse however has always been lacking for withdrawal from China, but obviously one must be found. As the army cannot deliver the goods by advancing into China and bending the Chinese government to its will, the naval policy of expansion southward seems to offer a better alternative. But the navy cannot do anything so long as this crushing burden of futile warfare in China continues. Peace with China is the first requisite. It is therefore a case of exit the army and enter navy or of reculer pour mieux sauter.

The Japanese government might well argue that full possession of Indo-China would be reasonable compensation for the loss of control in China. They would be free from expensive entanglements and able to exploit the manageable territory of Indo-China. The further ambitions southward might be realised while the United States is in process of rearming, and electing a new president.

China's position at the moment is brighter than it has ever been since 1937, though the outlook for other possessions in the Far East is darker. The complete withdrawal of Japan from China would take the sting out of British and American feeling in regard to Japan and it might serve the latter's purpose to do that.

The appointment of Mr. Suner to the important key position of foreign minister in Spain, and the visit of Herr Himmler to Madrid are ominous signs: one would have thought that Himmler would have been the last person to be entrusted with a diplomatic mission.

One feels he ought to be dressed in black tights, wearing a skull cap, with a mask and be followed by an attendant bearing the Executioner's axe. Such an unsavoury and sinister character, so closely associated with concentration camps and other evil things is hardly the person to persuade a people to entrust their destinies to the mercies of his country, but that obviously is the object of his mission. If Russia is going to cut up rough over the Balkans it is clear that Germany will have to be satisfied with the Rumanian oilfields and nothing more. She will therefore have to seek to advance to the Mediterranean through Spain, preferably with her permission though possibly without it.

The promise of Gibraltar will be poor compensation for complete loss of national independence but the suicidal tendency of some nations today is one of the unaccountable phenomena of this war.

Hitler runs true to form. According to Mein Kampf he recommends that the victim of aggression should be induced to give way by promises of fair treatment, and having undermined his determination to resist, you then make demands gradually increasing in severity, until he is bled white.

This is precisely the policy Hitler has applied to France. First of all according to the Armistice terms France was to keep her colonies with forces to defend them. She was to retain her fleet and remain neutral.

But now that he has got control of the country and won a great supporter in Monsieur Laval he is

demanding the fleet, and French support against Britain. It is rather astonishing that there should be anyone existing to-day who still puts any reliance on any promise, treaty or pact that Hitler makes. It is an amazing proof of the gullibility of some sections of the human race, but we never expected that anyone in France would be deceived.

The centre of interest is still in the Balkans where a good deal of manoeuvring is going on to force Bulgaria into the Axis with the promise of a corridor to the sea at the expense of Greece.

If history is any guide and if it is true that nations do not deviate from their traditional policies, then it is obvious that Russia must oppose the German advance or accept a crushing though bloodless defeat.

Russia had every reason to suppose that Germany's war with the Allies would so cripple the latter that Russia would not need to fear any sort of aggression, but since the collapse of France, Germany's forces on land are untouched and well-equipped.

They were all dressed up for the attack on Britain, but when that idea had to be abandoned and they had no where in particular to go, Hitler decided that he could risk Russia's opposition and send his forces into the Balkans.

Russia now confronted with this threat to her frontiers must realise that by yielding up her position in the Balkans and by helping the Axis she would be digging her own grave for she would thus expose herself to their attack later when the conditions will be even less favourable than they are now.

It is clearly in Russia's interest that Germany and Italy should be defeated in this war, but it may not be enough that she should encourage Britain to win and Turkey to keep the Germans from Istanbul. Russia's policy of remaining neutral while other nations fight it out among themselves has proved a complete failure.

She has been double-crossed by Germany and is gradually being 'contained' until such time as Germany is ready to take back the territories with which she bribed her.

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